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Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoy breakfast at Ruggles Lane School

By Karen A. Lewis
Correspondent

BARRE – Waking up early on a weekend morning isn't something most children and teens look forward to doing. However, for nine-year-old Lillian McKinstry, getting out of bed last Saturday morning meant being able to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, having a chance to perform before friends and family and enjoying an opportunity to eat a delicious breakfast.

The Barre holiday festivities continued at Ruggles Lane School (RLS) as the PTO hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus last Saturday morning.

"The event is a lot of fun," said Danielle McKinstry, mother of Lillian. "I liked watching the dancers."

Over 30 dancers from Next Step Studio of the Performing Arts in Barre added some festive early morning cheer performing and helping to build up the excitement for Santa and Mrs. Claus to arrive.

The breakfast, originally started as a way to fundraise for a new playground at the school that has since been completed, became such a popular event for students, parents and RLS staff that it has now evolved into an annual holiday tradition the school looks forward to each year.

"It is uplifting to see the children with their families and their reactions to Santa and the magic of Christmas," said Diana Tuttle, school nurse and co-chair of the event for the last three years.

Each year the local community is invited to spend a morning with the special couple from the North

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A trip to the annual breakfast wouldn't be complete without a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Shown from left are, Scarlett Cleland, Kali Rotondo and Kira Rotondo.

Town administrator tenders resignation

Golas accepts position in town of Charlton

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – Town administrator Andrew Golas tendered his resignation to the Barre Board of Selectmen at the Monday night meeting during an executive session.

His resignation was effective Feb. 2, 2020. He accepted a position as town administrator for the town of Charlton and will start Feb. 3.

Hubbardston visit
Hubbardston selectman Dan Galante and finance commit-

tee member Chuck Reed meet with Barre's board of selectmen to discuss school budget process and assessments. Galante said he visited the Oakham selectmen in October and planned to visit the boards in Hardwick and New Braintree as well. He said that Hubbardston had a property re-evaluation the year before and was deemed a more affluent town. Its assessments went up to 8.5 percent, a figure the town could not afford. At its annual town meeting, voters approved a 5 percent assessment instead. The Quabbin Regional School District lowered the number to 6.3 percent and Hubbardston again did not approve its assessment. Since three of the five member towns did not approve

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Alternate learning program helps students

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – Dr. Richard Allan, chair of the policy review/reform subcommittee said at last week's Quabbin Regional School District Committee meeting the new alternate learning program at the Quabbin Regional High School "shows promise."

The high school offers this program for special education students and dropouts, who are lagging behind, to come back to school. Dr.

Allan said the program has a special education teacher and subject matter teachers. He said the district received feedback from the participating students. Positive feedback from participating students included "teachers really care" and [they get] "more help than usual." On the negative side, a student said they needed "more break time."

Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said this program started on a "shoe-string." She said it was a benefit to

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Fire department receives grant for turnout gear

BARRE – The Barre Fire Department received a \$5,915 Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Department of Fire Services (DFS). The Barre Fire Department will be able to purchase 35 hoods and 35 sets of gloves for personal protection during firefighting operations.

"This gear will protect our firefighters from the immediate risks associated with fighting fires in dangerous environments, and just as importantly, protect them from the delayed risk of occupational cancers caused by exposure to the toxic chemicals produced during fires," said Chief Rob Rogowski. Properly equipping firefighters with the gear they need to be safe allows them to do their jobs as effectively as possible and is a

great benefit to the overall safety of the community.

"We now know that the risk of occupational cancer is among the greatest threats faced by modern firefighters and are thankful that the Commonwealth has been able to invest in this personal protective equipment to improve the overall health and safety of firefighters," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "Providing firefighters with new hoods and gloves to protect their heads and hands from exposure to the toxic chemicals that cause cancer is one of the most effective steps we can take to prevent future cancer diagnoses."

Funding for this grant program was made available through the Baker-Polito administration for fire departments across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Rutland town office lists holiday hours

RUTLAND – All Rutland town offices will be closing at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 31. They will have a late opening at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26. They will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Craft fair offers gifts, activities and more

By Karen Lewis
Correspondent

NEW BRAINTREE – A smile from ear to ear was on Stephanie Duguay's face last Saturday afternoon as she was able to chat with the big guy in red, otherwise known as Santa, at the annual Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair.

Not only was Santa on hand, but a few of his friends and elves joined in on the festivities, including Suellen Stott, dressed in her holiday gear and volunteering her time in the New Braintree Town Hall at the New Braintree Congregational Church Café.

"always have fun, we have a good team working in the kitchen," Stott said, who was taking a quick few minutes away from her café duties. "The proceeds from the café and the cookie sales go to the church."

It's become a tradition, as the majority of local townsfolk know to save the date for the second Saturday in December to either volunteer or attend the popular local event.

Started almost 20 years ago by the New Braintree PTO, the fair that signals the holidays have arrived, eventually transitioned over to sponsorship from the New Braintree Fire Association, with all proceeds going to the organization, which services the town and



Turley Publications Photos by Karen A. Lewis

Stephanie Duguay from New Braintree shares some laughs with Santa at the Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair last Saturday.

the surrounding communities.

"This is our biggest fundraiser of the year," said co-chair of the event and member of the fire association, Jess Bennett.

In the past, monies raised from the fair and various other fundraisers enabled the department to purchase extremely important fire and emergency apparatus, which

Unfortunately would never make it to the yearly budget.

Last year the fire department was able to purchase the Jaws of Life Cutter for \$9,000. There is the hope to make another purchase this year for a Jaws of Life Spreader for \$11,000. Both Jaws of Life are battery powered, expediting their use once the fire fight-

ers arrive at the scene of an emergency.

"These jaws of life are game changers," New Braintree fire fighter Joshua Gagnon said. "They are a lot faster style. The second you pick it up, it's ready to use."

The most recent apparatus they purchased is able to cut metal. The newest Jaws of Life piece they would like to add to their fleet is able to crush objects and pop open doors.

"It's a small community, but we feel the support from them," stated Gagnon, as he sat with his fellow fire fighters selling raffle tickets to help the cause.

Close to 60 crafters traveled from all parts of the state to set up shop in either the New Braintree Town Hall or the school right across the way in the picturesque New Braintree town center.

The two locations had a steady stream of traffic throughout the hours the fair was in operation and the variety of crafters offered something for everyone on a holiday gift list.

A favorite vendor for many

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Abatement applications are due Feb. 3

Town of Barre Assessor's Office announces that the Department of Revenue approved the Fiscal 2020 tax rate. The approved tax rate is \$17.87 per \$1,000 valuation, which is a decrease of 25 cents from the Fiscal 2019 tax rate. Based upon recent valid sales within the town of Barre the Fiscal 2019 average single family home valuation of \$210,165 has increased by approximately \$9,139 to the recently approved Fiscal 2020 average single family home valuation of approximately \$219,304 with the expected increase in valuations along with town spending at town meeting the average single family home owner could see an actual tax increase of approximately \$110.77 for Fiscal 2020. The third and fourth quarter tax bills will be prepared within the next few weeks and should be mailed out by Dec. 31 with the third quarter payment due by Feb. 3, 2020 and the fourth quarter due by May 4, 2020. If people have any questions regarding their valuation they can contact the Assessor's Office at 978-355-2504 extensions 103/104. Abatement applications must be filed with this office no later than Feb. 3, 2020 and Exemption applications must be filed with this office no later than April 1, 2020.

Winter solstice yoga

Loren Magruder of Listening Wellness Center, South Street, will offer a winter solstice yoga class Saturday, Dec. 21 from 5-6:30 p.m. Fee for the class is a suggested donation. Magruder is gifting the donations back to Listening's yoga programs and yoga studio.

Wonderfilled Wednesdays

Listening Wellness Center is currently accepting registrations for the 2020 Quabbin District early release days. Dates include: Jan. 15, 29, Feb. 12, March 18, April 1 and June 10. Parents may sign up their children for one, two or all of the remaining sessions. To register and for more information, they may call the office at 978-355-3501.

EQLT to hold New Year's Day hike

HARDWICK – East Quabbin Land Trust (EQLT), 120 Ridge Road, will hold a New Year's Day walk/ski. Participants should meet at noon Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 at the Mass. Central Rail Trail, 1700 Hardwick Road, New Braintree. EQLT will toast Ed Yaglou, a consummate supporter of the Mass Central Rail Trail who passed away Dec. 8. People are invited to bring a story about Ed to share.

Lauren Moreno, D.V.M.
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Shirley Lewis honored at 90th birthday celebration



Lions Ron Jacobs, Sal Imperato, Jean Alman and Barry Alman, are shown with Shirley Lewis (seated). The Barre Lions Club presented a citation to Shirley in recognition of her community service.

BARRE – Shirley Lewis of Dana Road celebrated her 90th birthday last week. About 25 friends and relatives met for brunch at Hartman's Herb Farm and Bed and Breakfast last Sunday to honor her. Many people know Shirley Lewis because of the handmade quilts and sewn crafts that she has displayed and sold on the Barre Common at the Barre Farmers' Market for many years.

The Barre Lions Club has been the recipient of many of her crafts and quilts in the past five years. Lewis donated over a dozen auto-themed quilts that the Barre Lions Club has raffled off at their annual Car Show held on the Barre Common. Whenever the Lions asked for help, she was always there to support her community. Senator Anne Gobi, who could not be present

due to a prior commitment, procured an Official Mass. Senate Citation for Lewis' ongoing Community Service. At her 90th birthday party, Lion Sal Imperato and several Lions Club members presented Shirley with Senator Gobi's Official Citation. Needless to say, Lewis was pleasantly surprised. It was a fitting tribute and a great way to celebrate an upstanding Barre citizen.

Circle of Song to perform Verdi, Barber and Wagner Saturday, Dec. 21

BARRE – Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Barre Town Hall in conjunction with Peter Lewis and his Quabbin Regional School District and community based orchestra, Circle of Song will be performing three works from Giuseppe Verdi, one from Richard Wagner, one from Samuel Barber and will top the program off with two Christmas carols – “Angels in Seven,” an arrangement of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” by John Rutter and an attractive arrangement of Christine Rossetti's “In the Bleak Midwinter” with oboe, Nicole Noel and piano, Lisa Utzig accompaniment. Giuseppe Verdi was an extremely prolific composer, who provided the world with decades of popular operas throughout the mid to late 1800s. An Italian with strong connection to the common people, he built a huge farming enterprise with many loyal ten-

ants and by the end of his life was a generous supporter of the public welfare through many philanthropic endeavors, among them a home for retired composers and musicians that still is in operation today. The Anvil Chorus is from his 1853 opera Il Trovatore, which depicts Spanish gypsies striking their anvils at dawn, hence its English name and singing the praises of hard work, good wine and Gypsy women. Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco premiered in 1842 twenty years before Italian unification in the early 1860s. At Verdi's funeral in 1901 over 200,000 mourners sang this piece in the streets to honor Verdi and Italian nationalism. It has become a theme song for Italian nationalism. “Aida” opened in Cairo, Egypt in 1871. Complete with elephants and hundreds of singers, it was a no holds barred production that quickly swept the world. Notice the prominent role of the trumpets in this piece that is familiar to most listeners today.

Another composer, Richard Wagner, will be sampled at the concert with “Pilgrim's Chorus” from Tannhauser. The song represents the penitential journey of pilgrims as they travel to and from Rome to receive absolution. The noble aspirations of the penitents are embodied in this song, which sings the praises of God's mercy and the peace obtained by who remit the debt of their sins. Samuel Barber was an American composer who lived from 1910-1981. “Angus Dei” is one of his choral works, though he composed for orchestra, opera, chorus and piano. Circle of Song has been working for an entire year to bring this challenging and haunting piece of sacred music.

Circle of Song invites new members to join. Membership starts at \$40 per year, \$25 for students. Current chorus members vary in age and experience, from beginning musicians to professionals in the field. All are welcome. People may visit the website at www.circleofsong.net or contact director Julie Rawson at Julie@mhof.net or 978-355-2853. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge's home at 411 Sheldon Road. Rehearsals start up again in January 2020.

Hubbardston

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Frozen assets deadline Feb. 1

Frozen assets returns for 2020. People may take five guesses on when the outhouse will fall through the ice for a \$20 donation. All donations will help fund future special event. An outhouse will be located on Williamsville Road Country Hen pond starting in February. All forms must be submitted by Feb. 1. Forms must be found at the Country Trail, Hubb Town Diner, Giacommas Gourmet and town offices. The closest guess wins a \$300 gift card, second place, \$150 gift card, third place a \$75 gift card and fourth place one flat of eggs for eight weeks courtesy of Country Hen. People may contact hubbardston250@gmail.com for more information.

2020 census

The 2020 Federal Census will be mailed to each Hubbardston household in January 2020. Failure to respond to the census two consecutive years shall result in removal from voter registration rolls.

Dog licenses

Dog licenses must be renewed each year before April 1 to avoid late fines. Fees may be paid online or in person at the town clerks office. License fee is \$15 for a male or female and \$10 for a neutered male or spayed female. Town clerk office hours are Monday noon-6 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed Friday. Any resident, who will be 70 years or over as of March 31, shall pay no fee to license their dog. Ownership of five or more dogs requires special permit per Hubbardston Zoning Bylaws, article 4.2. People should contact the planning board at 978-928-1400, extension 210 for the special permit.

Sock drive reminder
Sock drive benefits veterans

A sock drive to benefit Montachusett Veterans Outreach, Gardner and Veterans Inc. Worcester is ongoing now through Dec. 20. New men's, women's and children's white socks, no colors please, can be dropped off at the Hubbardston Rod and Gun Club, Williamsville Road. Socks are one of the items most needed for homeless veterans or veterans in need. For more information, people may call the club at 978-928-4490.

Senior center events

The Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., weekly schedule includes: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Wii Bowling at 8 a.m.; Monday - Friday coffee hour at 8 a.m.; Tuesday - Swinging Singing Seniors at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday - walking club at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday - Senior Center meals by MOC at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday - pitch (second and fourth Wednesdays each month) at 1:30 p.m., Thursday - cribbage (second and fourth Thursdays each month) at 1:30 p.m., Friday - craft corner (third Friday each month) at 10 a.m., Friday - cribbage at 1:30 p.m. and Friday evenings - pitch (first and third Fridays each month) at 6:30 p.m. Free bread/baked goods are available at the senior center Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Price Chopper Supermarket in Gardner donates them. Free one dozen Country Hen eggs for residents 60 and over are available every week on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the senior center. For more information, people may call 978-928-1400, extension 211. A certified SHINE Medicare counselor is available at the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 by appointment.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd. The following meals will be served for the week of Dec. 23.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Vegetable cheese bake, herbed potatoes, green beans, Mandarin oranges, French bread

TUES. – Roast turkey, supreme sauce, rice pilaf, corn niblets, pear crisp, diet = pears, Italian bread

WED. – Christmas

No meal served

THURS. – Salisbury steak, gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, birthday cake, diet = half piece, sandwich roll

FRI. – Potato crunch fish, couscous, mixed vegetables, fruited ambrosia, marble rye bread, tartar sauce

*Diabetic friendly dessert

**Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

BARRE

Sewer Commission – Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – Jan. 2, 2020 at 3 p.m.
Water Commission – Jan. 2, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – Jan. 6, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – Jan. 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Jan. 7, 2020 and Jan. 21, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Jan. 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals – Jan. 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Jan. 13, 2020 at 5 p.m.
DPW Commission – Jan. 13, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Feb. 5, 2020 at 1 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – Feb. 11, 2020 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Planning Board – Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – Jan. 2, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Recycling Commission – Jan. 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertville Public Library – Jan. 10, 2020 at 4 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – Jan. 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Town Center Committee – Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Board of Health – Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Open Space Committee – Dec. 31 and Jan. 28, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – Jan. 2, 2020 and Jan. 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – Jan. 4, 2020 at 10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen – Jan. 6, 2020 and Jan. 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Jan. 7, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Jan. 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BRAINTREE

Library Trustees – Dec. 31 at 6 p.m.

OAKHAM

Board of Selectmen – Dec. 30 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Board of Health – Dec. 19 and Jan. 2, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – Dec. 26 at 7 p.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – Jan. 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – Jan. 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Cemetery Commission – Jan. 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – Jan. 13 at 10 a.m.

RUTLAND

Agricultural Commission – Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

Christmas Masses and Services

Friday, Dec. 20

SOUTH BARRE

Christian Youth Club (CYC) celebrates the Christ of Christmas at New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., from 7-8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22

SOUTH BARRE

Christmas Service will be held at New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

OAKHAM

Children's Christmas Pageant will be held at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Rd., during the 10 a.m. service.

PETERSHAM

Winter Solstice Seasonal Celebration will be held at the First Congregational Parish, Unitarian Petersham, on the Common at 10:30 a.m.

RUTLAND

Christmas Ingathering will be held at the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., at 10 a.m. They will be accepting non-perishable donations to supply 10 families with a Christmas meal and additional food for the holidays. Children and members of the church will perform a Christmas Pageant. All are welcome.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

BARRE

Family Christmas Eve Service will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., at 7 p.m.

Candlelight Service will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., at 11 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at Covenant Evangelical Church, 611 South St., at 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be held at St. Thomas-a-Becket Church, Vernon Ave., at 4:15 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be held at St. Joseph's Chapel, 29 South St., at 10 p.m.

OAKHAM

Candlelight Service will be held at the Oakham Congregational Church, 4 Coldbrook Rd., at 7 p.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be held at First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, on the Common, at 5 p.m.

HARDWICK

Christmas Eve Service of the Tri-Parish Community Church will be held at the Hardwick Universalist Church, on Rte. 32A at 5 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Christmas Eve Service will be held at the First Congregational Parish, Unitarian Petersham, on the Common at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass will be held at St. Peter's, 18 North St., at 6 p.m.

RUTLAND

Christmas Eve Mass with the Children's Choir and Christmas Pageant will be held at Saint Patrick Parish, 290 Main St., at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with the Adult Choir will be held at 10 p.m.

Christmas Candlelight Service will be held at the First Congregational Church of Rutland, 264 Main St., at 7 p.m.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the First Congregational Church, 144 North Main St., from 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

BARRE

Christmas Day Mass of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be held at St. Thomas-a-Becket Church, Vernon Ave., at 10:30 a.m.

RUTLAND

Christmas Day Mass will be held at Saint Patrick Parish, 290 Main St., at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

BARRE

New Year's Day Mass of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be held at St. Thomas-a-Becket Church, Vernon Ave., at 9 a.m.

New Year's Evening Mass of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be held at St. Joseph's Chapel, 29 South St., Barre at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Solemnity of Mary: Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation) will be held at Saint Patrick Parish, 290 Main St., at 10:30 a.m.



Festival of Trees has another successful event

RUTLAND – The Festival of Trees sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society was again a delight for young and old. They want to thank all who attended the Merrimack Valley Bell Ringer Concert, the carol sing and reading of names, and the tree lighting. Ben Haynes of Rutland found the sticker and turned the switch to light the beautifully decorated town tree. Thanks also to Ray and Ida Larose and all those who contributed the spectacular baskets for the raffle. Ben Frost and group made the Santa area sparkle. Thanks to Santa, Mrs. Claus and all the elves for helping families see Santa and play the Santa Game and to the outdoor elves, who kept everyone safe with all the traffic. They especially thank the DPW for making the snow piles disappear and for clearing the latest parking lot in progress so there would be more room to park. They were privileged this year to have the Shooting Stars Performing Arts Studio, Peter Pasierb and Frank Ruscitti, who provide entertainment and music during the festival.

The trees and wreaths were exceptional this year with the Grand Prize Judge's Award going to "Let It Snow" by Sherry Haber and David Merchant. The adult tree category was won by "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch" by Shelley Putnam and Anita Byron, the fourth-eighth grade tree category was won by the Girl Scouts "It's Snowing Cats and Dogs by Troop 30862" and in the third grade and under category, the award went to The Small Steps Preschool. The third and under Table Tree category was won by Team Turkey Hill. The Adult Wreath and Stocking winner was "Save the Earth" by Gail Kelleher and the third grade and under Wreath and Stocking category winner was The Naquag second graders. In the Gingerbread categories "Let It Snow" by Sherry Haber and David Merchant won for the adults, fourth-eighth grade was won by Nathan Haber with "Decorating the Tree" and the third grade and under winner was Josiah Corpuz.

In a very close race "A Window to a New England Christmas" by Liz Cannell, Matt Lageux and Philip Cannell won over the Agricultural Commission's giant tire snowman.

Many thanks to all who volunteered to help make this such a special event and also to the Rutland Public Library and staff for opening their building to the Rutland Historical Society and changing their hours to match. The Rutland Historical Society wishes everyone a wonderful holiday.

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Sunday School to hold annual pageant

The Oakham Congregational Church Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas pageant Sunday, Dec. 22 during the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. A rehearsal will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Costumes will be handed out that morning. If a child would like to be in the pageant, but can not make the rehearsal, they should let Sunday School superintendent Heather Stewart know.

Candlelight service

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold a candlelight service Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Church news

The adult choir sang "Rise Up, Shepherd, Rise Up" by Lloyd Larson during the 10 a.m. worship service at the Oakham Congregational Church. Mark and Susan Turnbull with help from Connor, Rose and Sadie Cogoli lighted the Advent wreath. The Rev. Timothy Hanley's sermon was entitled "Is This What You Expected?"

There will be no Sunday School classes and Youth Fellowship Sunday, Dec. 29 and family Sunday, Jan. 5. Sunday School and Youth Fellowship will resume Sunday, Jan. 12.

MOC CFCE donates to Barre Food Pantry



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Martha Carey, coordinator of Montachusett Opportunity Council Coordinated Family Community Engagement (MOC CFCE) located in Barre, presented a donation to Chuck Radlo, volunteer at the Barre Food Pantry recently.

BARRE – A wooden bank, made during a financial literacy event for MOC CFCE families, was placed at playgroup for children/families to donate their spare change towards a donation to the local food bank. Coordinated Family Community Engagement (CFCE) is a program of Montachusett Opportunity Council and located at 21 Allen Drive. It is funded by the MA Department of Early Education and Care. For more information on the programs, playgroups and family events, people may call 978-895-0942.

No. 4 Schoolhouse Christmas Party

BARRE – No. 4 Schoolhouse Christmas Party will be held at the schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Rd., Barre beginning at 6:30

p.m. Members should let them know they are attending. Nonmembers are welcome and should RSVP as Santa will deliver a small

gift to each child under the age of 12. Please RSVP to Joyce Dea at 978-355-2005 or no4schoolhouse@gmail.com.

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Opinion

Editorial

Dear Readers,
In the spirit of Christmas we are sharing the letter that young Virginia O’Hanlon, 8, wrote to the editor of New York’s Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. Written by veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church, the editorial has since become the most reprinted in newspaper editorial. Enjoy, and may you have a happy holiday season.

Ellenor Downer

DEAR EDITOR:
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, ‘If you see it in The Sun it’s so.’ Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O’Hanlon.
115 West Ninety-fifth Street.

Virgiiia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby’s rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear folks,

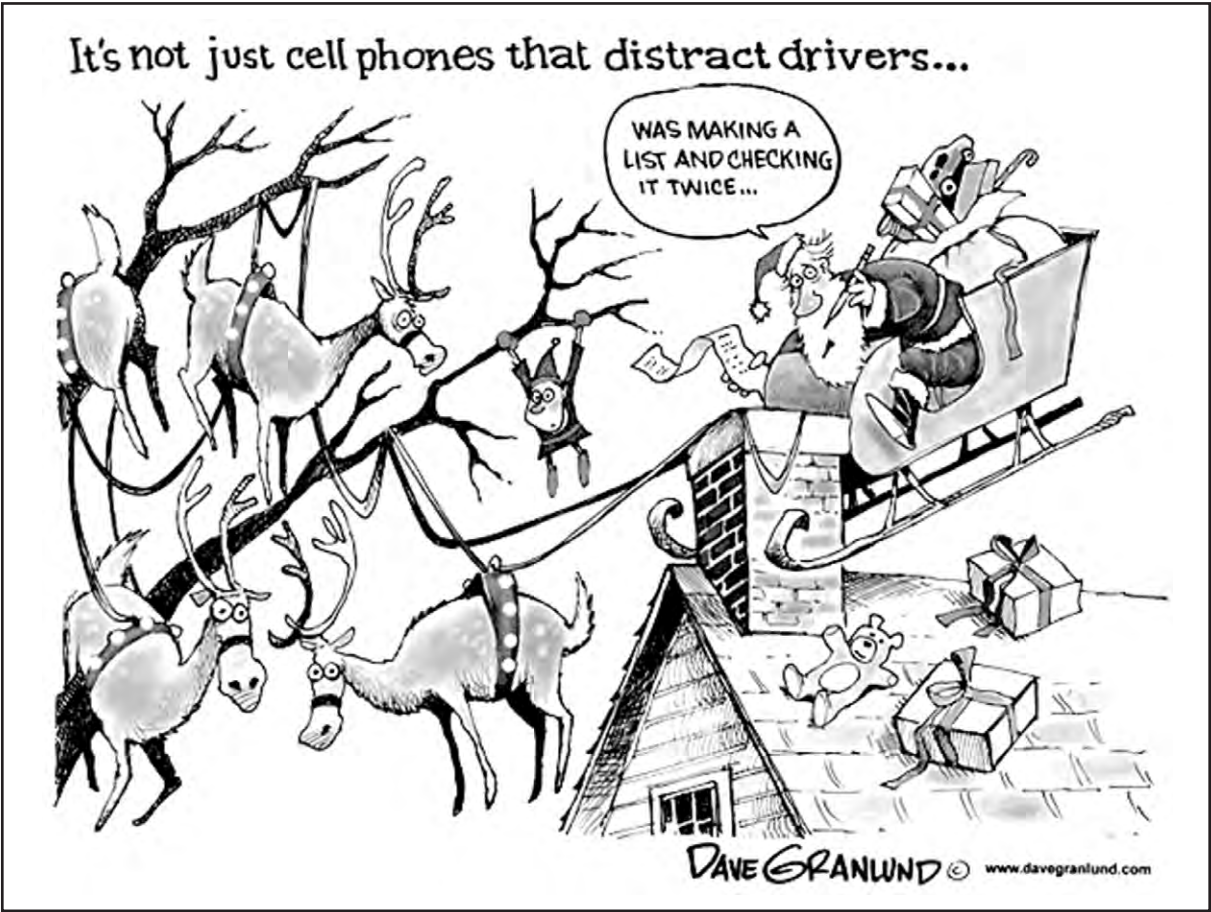
Fleas, fleas, fleas - I don’t want to ever hear about them again. Yes, I got them. Missy’s friend came to visit last week and brought her little dog with her. I hid as the mutt wasn’t very friendly. All the dog did was sit and scratch all the time he was here. Well, don’t you know the fleas got into the rug and then jumped all over me. Ugh, I started to scratch and itch.

Missy immediately got me some medicine but it didn’t do the trick with the fleas still in the rug. I got to have a bath with flea shampoo. You know I don’t like to be picked up so Missy got her daughter to help wash me. It was the worst and most embarrassing experience and it hurt my dignity. However, now that it is over and I am dry I must admit I feel much better and hopefully the little “buggers” are gone.

Then Missy gave me a second dose of medicine to be sure. The rug also got a second scrubbing and spray. I hope that dog never comes back again so does Missy. I got a nice catnip treat after that and settled down for a nap. I am sure Missy realized how much those critters bit me.

Later that day I went down cellar with Missy and jumped up on the freezer. What do you know? There was a long string hanging down from the light bulb and it had a very large knot at the bottom. I am having fun batting it to and fro. No damage done with this caper. Have a good week folks and look out for “fleas” Ha, ha.

Love,
Gertrude



In Past Pages

5 years ago (Dec. 18, 2014)

Laura Dusha started collecting Department 56 Dickens’ Village about 20 years ago. She now has about 60 pieces. Her interest began when she lived in Vermont and had a neighbor that collected the series of lighted villages. She enjoyed seeing her neighbor’s village and a few years later began collecting the Dickens’ Village series. Her collection was a combination of gifts and purchases. She worked for a resort in Vermont for five or six years and set up her village in the lobby areas to share it with staff and guests. When she moved to Massachusetts, Dusha packed up her collected and moved it with her. Now she set up her pieces in her office and other rooms at the Listening Wellness Center, where she is the executive director.

Nichols College men’s basketball junior and Rutland resident Christian Horton finished with 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists in 40 minutes in a 70-64 loss to Springfield College.

Shawn LaRoche of Barre and a research analyst at Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) earned a certificate of completion from the Association of Institutional Research’s Data and Decisions Academy. MWCC President Daniel M. Asquino nominated LaRoche for the academy’s Presidential Scholarship. LaRoche was identified by President Asquino as an exemplary employee whose ascension could be further accelerated through specialized training.

10 years ago (Dec. 24, 2009)

Christmas came early for two North Brookfield sisters. Fifth grader, Tory Zalauskas and first grader, Cami Zalauskas, were the December winners of the North Brookfield Savings Bank student-banking contest. The girls won a Wii system, complete with the new Mario Olympics game. Tory and Cami have wanted a Wii for the last 2 years. Their mom, Cheryl, didn’t tell them that they were winners until they got to the bank, where they received their wonderful surprise from West Brookfield branch manager Mary Antinovitsh.

Tradition, in the form of wrestling heroism, again rules at Quabbin. Though youthful, the undefeated Quabbin wrestling team won its third straight dual meet, defeating Leominster, 69-30. Led by Brandon Beauregard and Kane Hardeker, Quabbin is again making a bid for supremacy in Division 2. The Panthers finished a respectable fourth in the Milford Tournament over the weekend. Beauregard (125) and Hardeker

LOOK BACK
Santa's Sleigh - 1981



The happy smiles of Lora Beth Russell, Shawn C. Davis and Bonnie Jean Russell lead one to believe that the sleigh belongs to Santa himself and perhaps he is just around the corner.

(135) were champs.

Quabbin’s young basketball team is a work in progress, but an impressive one. Though Quabbin’s record fell to 1-2 in its 69-60 defeat at the hands of St. Bernard’s Saturday, it represented forward progress. A major force for the Panthers has been the play of its guards. The tandem of Christian Horton and Shawn Gareau have kept Quabbin in contention.

25 years ago (Dec. 22, 1994)

Ron and Sue Higgins accepted an achievement award from Dan Kirkpatrick of the Barre Business Association. The award was given to the proprietors of Higgins Energy Alternatives in recognition of their business expansion and building restoration. The presentation was made at the annual Christmas dinner, held this year at the Col. Isaac Barre Restaurant and attended by about 50 people.

Sen. Robert D. Wetmore, D-Barre, has announced the results of his annual Christmas card design contest. The winner is 11-year-old Angela Prentiss, a fifth-grade student at Hubbardston Center School. Jarrod Girardin, a sixth-grader at Ruggles Lane School in Barre, is a runner-up in the contest.

In a moving candlelight ceremony at Christ Episcopal Church in South Barre, Jeremy Trifilo received the Eagle Scout award. Jeremy became a Cub Scout in

second grade and has been active in Scouting ever since. To qualify for Eagle Scout he was required to earn 21 badges in different fields and complete a number of hours in community service. It is fitting that Jeremy received his award at church because he chose to oversee the operations of the Barre Food Bank based at his church as his service project.

38 years ago (Dec. 23, 1981)

The Barre Hotel – Barre Guest House – now today the Barre inn – this three story structure that overlooks the Common has heralded quite a history of changes. Its most recent change is its new owners William and Carol Neylon. Bill emphasizes that Carol is the “hero” in this joint venture. “She a full partner in the whole thing,” he says with a sincere smile. The Neylons bought the Barre Guest House from Eddie and Linda Mansueti who owned it since 1965, sold it, then rescued it again from an absentee landlord who left the place “wide open.” The result was frozen pipes, terrible vandalism, and the inside of this beautiful landmark a mess. The Mansuetis, having the foresight to retain the mortgage on it then sold it to the Neylons. Having applied a lot of elbow grease, time, and money, the new owners reopened the Barre Inn quietly in time for the hunting season the first part of this month.

Navy Fireman Apprentice David P. Sheldon, son of Carmen and Arthur C. Sheldon Jr. of Stetson Road, Barre, has completed the Basic Electrician’s Mate Course. A 1980 graduate of Quabbin Regional High School, he joined the Navy in January 1981.

Pfc. Christopher L. Hubacz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Hubacz Jr., of 281 Main St., North Brookfield, has arrived for duty at Camp Stanley, South Korea. He is a 1980 graduate of North Brookfield High School.

PRAYER

A pathway to God’s Heaven
to sweet serenity
to be with those who’ve long been gone
in His eternity

And prayer is like a stepping stone
to be with God above
Forever in His heavenly home
surrounded by His love

It doesn’t matter where you are
Just pray to let Him know
He’s in your thoughts and in your prayers
Because you love Him so

You can pray while you are walking
With every step just pray
And our Lord may even help you
Each step along the way

And if by chance you pass a Church
It’s the perfect place for prayer
You’ll find such peace and quiet
And feel His presence there

As you go about your daily life
Remember you can pray
to the Blessed Mother and our Lord
and Jesus every day

No matter where you’re walking
No matter what you do
Our Holy Family’s listening
and watching over you

Prayer can bring you solace
When things have gone astray
And prayer can also give you hope
to face another day

Pray for someone special
Or pray for those you love
And those who are no longer here
But with our Lord above

Your prayers are rewarding
With words that may impart
The love you feel for our dear Lord
That comes right from the heart

Our Lord is always with us
So confide in Him and pray
And He will guide you with His love
Through each and every day

Through sadness and through hardship
Whatever comes to be
Your prayers may lead you home to God
to live eternally.

– Virginia Unitis

Note: Several months ago, our mother, Virginia Unitis fell at home and suffered a serious head trauma. After a long stay in the hospital, and with the care and kindness of so many team members (plus family and friends) Virginia was well enough to be moved to a long-term care facility: Holden Rehabilitation.

Our family would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and well wishes these past several months. These caring words have helped Virginia on her road to recovery. During this time, we have heard that many of you miss Virginia’s weekly poems in the Barre Gazette. We knew people loved her poems, but did not have a full appreciation of how many people they touched.

We would like to share her most recent work with her extended Barre Gazette family. Please know, each day Virginia makes great strides in regaining her Poet Laurette status.

*From our family to yours, we wish you a joyous Christmas and New Year.
Mark, Marsha and Maureen*

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Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Christmas baking starts this week. I plan to make these cookies for the holidays. Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

MOLASSES SPICE CRINKLES

- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves

Beat shortening at medium speed with an electric mixer until fluffy. Gradually add 1 cup granulated sugar, beating well. Add egg and molasses; beat well.

Combine flour and next 8 ingredients, stirring well. Add one-

fourth of flour mixture at a time to shortening mixture, beating at low speed after each addition until blended. Cover and chill 1 hour. Shape dough into 1 inch balls, and roll in sparkling sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreaed baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 9 to 11 minutes. Tops will crack. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Here is another quick recipe I plan to make.

CHOCOLATE AND ALMOND MACAROONS

- 3/4 cup condensed milk
- 1 14-oz package sweetened flaked coconut
- 1/4 tsp. almond extract
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 24 whole unblanched almonds
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate morsels

Stir together first four ingredients. Drop dough by lightly greased tablespoonfuls onto parch-

ment paper-lined baking sheets. Press an almond into top of each cookie. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 17 minutes or until golden. Remove to wire racks to cool. Microwave 1/2 cup morsels on high for 1 minute and 15 seconds, stirring at 30 second intervals and at the end. Transfer to a 1 qt. zip-top plastic freezer bag, cut a tiny hole in one corner of bag. Pipe melted chocolate over cooled cookies by gently squeezing bag. Place a piece of wax paper under the wire rack to catch the chocolate droppings and to help with the clean up.

This and That

I hope you all have been able to take a ride out to see the holiday lights and attend some of the activities. I finally completed my shopping and decorating, but I will be making cookies this week.

Wachusett Meadow lists programs

PRINCETON – Mass Audubon’s Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, 113 Goodnow Road, announces the following programs for the month of January. Advance registration is required for most programs. Programs are held at Wachusett Meadow unless otherwise indicated.

New Year’s Hike on Saturday, Jan. 4 from 1-3 p.m. The fee is \$9 Mass. Audubon adult members, \$13 adult nonmembers. Whether a resolution is to spend more time outside or to get in shape, there is no better way to start the New Year. People may enjoy the fresh air, Wachusett Meadow’s beautiful trails, good company and some seasonal natural history along the way. Participants will either hike or snowshoe, depending on conditions. Snowshoes are available to rent for an additional \$3 per hour for members and \$5 per hour for nonmembers.

Tuesday Volunteer Days will be held Tuesday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn about nature as you assist with a variety of property, maintenance, and ecological management projects such as gardening, buildings and

grounds work, trail clearing, wildlife monitoring, and animal care. Independent, seasonal projects are also available. Projects are primarily outside, but inside projects are sometimes needed. Ability to work without supervision required. It is for ages 16 and up. For more information, people may contact Cindy Dunn at 978-464-2712 extension 8707.

Preschool Story and Nature Hour for ages 2.5 to 5 years entitled “The Mitten” will be held Friday, Jan. 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee is free for adults, \$3 Mass. Audubon child members and \$4 child nonmembers. It is an hour of nature-themed fun. Children will read an engaging storybook, make a nature craft to take home and walk on one of the sanctuary’s beautiful trails with lead educator, Chris Eaton. Participants are invited to stay for an additional half hour for free play and socialization in the classroom or play yard.

A program entitled “Earth on the Move” for homeschoolers will be held Friday, Jan. 10 from 1-3 p.m. The fee is free for adults, \$10 Mass. Audubon child members and \$14 child nonmembers.

Participants will use models and fun, hands-on activities to learn about earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis and geysers - four geological catastrophes. It is open to all ages. They welcome the entire family. Leader is Chris Eaton, lead educator.

A Girl Scout winter exploration program will be held Saturday, Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$8 per child. Girls will try out snowshoes and experience winter like a snowshoe hare, whose large feet keep it from sinking into the snow. They will go on a guided hike, search for animal tracks and other signs of wildlife and discover how animals and plants have adapted to survive winter weather. This program meets the requirements of the “Trail Adventure” badge for Daisies and Brownies, but is open for all levels. If no snow, they will learn about the different types of snowshoes and get to try them on. Leader is Jennifer Reilly, group program coordinator.

For more information or to register, people may call 978-464-2712, email wachusett@massaudubon.org or visit www.massaudubon.org.

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the school assessments, the school came back with a lower budget that amounted to a 6.1 percent assessment for Hubbardston. Again voters did not approve. However, the other two towns that previously did not approve the budget – Hardwick and New Braintree – approved it this time. Barre and Oakham approved the school budget at their annual town meetings. Hubbardston had to take money from other departments to meet the 6.1 percent assessment.

Galante said that selectmen, finance committee and Hubbardston school committee members had a meeting “way to late.” He said he would come up with a draft of recommendations after he meets with selectmen in the other member towns. The draft would include when the select boards and finance committee meet with the school com-

mittee and a new way to start the budget process early before decisions were made. Hubbardston finance committee member Reed said. “Ultimately it will save us.”

Selectman chair Matthew Urban said representatives from the boards of selectmen and finance committees from the member towns should meet in January. Urban said there was an advantage of the groups coming together and he said the five towns “can grow with this.”

Town of Royalston letter

Barre selectmen received a letter from selectmen in the town of Royalston regarding expenses incurred during Oct. 17 “Bomb Cyclone.” The letter said their town along with Barre, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Warwick were hard hit with downed tree, closed roads and power outages. The letter said Royalston spent over \$23,000 plus during the storm and asked its state Senator and

representative to assist in obtaining emergency funds from the state. Royalston asked the other towns respond to them with their costs for cleanup. Barre selectmen voted to draft a letter to Royalston and to include Barre’s cost in the letter.

Other business

Mary Jane Bade asked selectmen if there was an update about removing the basketball hoop near her home. Chair Urban said there was no update or progress in the matter. Bade said she tried for four years at town meetings to get a nuisance general bylaw passed, but to no avail. Urban said she needed to get support of other like minded voters in town to attend town meeting and vote to support the bylaw. Sam Lipson said maybe the planning board could help her write a bylaw. Urban said since the bylaw was not a zoning bylaw, it was not under the jurisdiction of the planning board.

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In the Garden

Amaryllis a welcomed Christmas gift

At least in my house, the gift of an amaryllis bulb never goes into the re-gift pile. Some may think this readily available box kit is without much thought on the giver’s part, but I beg to differ. Pot it up and you will be delighted with tropical blooms in late winter, just when we could all use a bright spot. But there is no need to enjoy and discard the plant after it blooms. This bulb has a whole lot of life left in it! To learn all about amaryllis culture read on.

The hybrid amaryllis we know and love is botanically a hippeastrum. This name never caught on and so it continues to go by the name of one of its parents, Amaryllis Belladonna. It most commonly appears in red, white, and salmon, but striped and mottled shades of each are available. The flowers bloom in clusters of four to six, atop sturdy stalks, which depending on variety, can be 12 to 24 inches tall. By the look of the flowers one would surmise that they are tropical in nature. This is correct, and for this reason they can be planted outside in our climate only during the warm summer months. The growth cycle of the amaryllis makes it especially easy to force indoors, as it can be shipped during its dormancy in late fall/early winter, and potted up to bloom when it would naturally, from February to April.

Amaryllis kits usually cost between \$10 and \$20. I have found that the more elaborate the enclosed container is, the

more expensive the kit will be. The pot should be durable enough to hold up a top-heavy plant, and big enough to allow one to two inches between it and the bulb, that’s it. It should be a standard size, not tapered in any way, to allow for ample root growth.

If you do hit the clearance rack and it is possible to open the kit and inspect the bulb, do so. A few dried roots are okay, but the bulb should be hard, free of any soft spots and rot.

The soil that comes with your kit will likely work just fine. It should be high in organic matter but still drain well. To plant, fill the container with moistened potting soil about one-half to two-thirds of the way, place the bulb on top and fill in with the remaining soil. It should be buried about half way, with its upper portion and neck sitting above the rim. If the soil was sufficiently moistened you need not water again until sprouting occurs. At this stage it is critical not to over water, as soggy soil will rot the bulb. Temperatures around 60 degrees during this period are ideal. Once growth has started fertilizer can be provided, but the bulb should bloom well without it.

Once the buds have emerged it may be necessary to provide the stalk with a stake for some

support so that it won’t snap or bend. To keep the flowers looking their best for the longest amount of time, it is recommended to pinch off the anthers inside the flower before they begin losing pollen. Moving the pot to a cool location in the house will also help. There is no need to discard the amaryllis after it has flowered. With care, it can thrive as a houseplant, delighting us with blooms year after year!

When the flowers have withered cut off the stalk about two inches above the bulb. Growth will be prolific during the next few months. Care should be given to provide the bulb with full sunlight, ample water and fertilizer. In the fall, foliage will begin to yellow. Allow the soil to dry completely as the bulb enters its dormant period. After a few months of dormancy watering can resume and with good fortune, blooms should reappear in six to eight weeks.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid Columnist

Make-A-Wish seeks volunteers

Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses, is currently looking for individuals to become Wish volunteers in Worcester County. Make-A-Wish plans to grant nearly 420 wishes this year across Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Make-A-Wish is particularly seeking bilingual volunteers.

Cynthia Dunsky has been a Make-A-Wish volunteer since 2017 and recently helped grant Sariah’s wish to go to Hawaii. Sariah is a five-year-old liver transplant recipient who has undergone countless medical procedures and must still take medication to prevent her body from rejecting her liver. Her wish gave her a chance to just be a little child and have her dreams come true.

“It is one of the most gratifying feelings to be able to play a

role in creating a magical time for a sick child and their family. To be able to give a child such a beautiful gift in the midst of their journey, so that they can just be a kid and enjoy something that they love. It is so humbling and rewarding to know that my contribution has put a smile on a face and a cherished memory in a heart,” said Cynthia.

Wish volunteers work in teams of two to create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses and have support from the Make-A-Wish staff. All wish granting volunteers must be over 21 and submit an application, reference and background check; and complete an online or in-person training to begin granting wishes. Take the first step and register for an upcoming training at massri.wish.org/volunteer

For further information, contact Krista Bishop at [\[massri.wish.org\]\(http://massri.wish.org\) or call 617-367-9474. To learn more about Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, visit \[massri.wish.org\]\(http://massri.wish.org\)](mailto:kbishop@</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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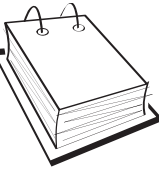
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Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, DEC. 19

BARRE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre from 5-7 p.m. to help set up and staff the tables, help clients “shop” the food pantry offerings and help carry groceries to clients’ cars. Community Service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students who come to help. For more information, people may call Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

BARRE FOOD PANTRY EVENING DISTRIBUTION will be held at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre from 5:30-7 p.m. for free monthly distribution of fresh, frozen and canned food made available through local and regional donations and state and federal government programs. The Barre Food Pantry would like to encourage clients to bring their reusable grocery tote bags with them when they come to pick up food at distribution. For more information, people may contact Sonja at 978-355-6921 or Chuck at 978-355-6463.

2020 QUABBIN SAVINGS CARD will be offered by the Barre Library Association to benefit the Woods Memorial. The cost of the card is \$10 and with the purchase of card during the months of December, January and part of February, people can enter their gift basket drawing giveaway. Cards can purchased at: Woods Memorial Library, The Country Gourmet, and Shear Expressions from Jen. For more information, people may contact Kate Lathrop at 978-355-2119 or Susan Morrall at 978-355-2777.

SENIOR YOGA will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre from 9-10 a.m. Thursdays and Tuesdays. Cost is \$5. These sessions are “chair yoga,” which means you remain seated (no getting up and down off the floor, etc.). They are primarily stretching, breathing and meditation exercises, which are not physically demanding. For more information, people may visit www.listeningwellness.org or call 978-355-3501. People do not need to be a senior to participate.

POOL will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 9 a.m.

BINGO will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 10:15 a.m.

WHIST will be played daily at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 10:30 a.m.

SENIOR LUNCH will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre Monday through Friday at 11:45 a.m. Call Jayne at 978-355-5027 to reserve your meal or Worcester Elder Services at 508-799-8070 and a \$2.50 donation is appreciated.

BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 18 Common St., is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and always by appointment. To schedule an appointment, people may call Margaret Marshall at 978-257-7653. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about local history.

CALENDAR POLICY

Our calendar section is intended to promote “free” events or ones that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization that benefits the community. Paid events that are not deemed fund-raisers or benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit is not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items in the mail, by fax, or emailed in Word document format is Monday at noon or sooner. We usually print one week in advance of an event, and the listings should be brief, with only time, date, location, brief activity explanation, and contact information. All future listings appear weekly online.

Where is this?



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This week’s mystery photo is from Petersham. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505 with their answer by noon on Friday, Dec. 20. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week’s edition. Dick Clark, Barbara Crawford and Phil Warbasse correctly identified last week’s photo. Last week’s photo was the nativity scene in front of the Oakham Congregational Church, Coldbrook Road, Oakham.

STORY TIME for 3 years olds will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. For more information, people may stop by the library or call 508-886-4108.

FREE KNITTING LESSONS will be offered at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville for anyone that is 12 years of age or older. The lessons will be offered on Thursdays from 2:30-4 p.m. and will be free of charge. Knitting needles and yarn will be supplied. For more information, people may stop by or call the library at 413-477-6312.

WALKING CLUB will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston Thursdays and Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

HUBBARDSTON SENIOR CENTER MEALS BY MOC will be offered at the center, Main St., Hubbardston Thursdays and Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

FUNDAMENTALS OF ART will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick, every Thursday from 5-7 p.m. This program is for those who want to explore art media, to share ideas or to just work in a group setting. For more information, people may call 413-477-6704, email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, visit www.paigelibrary.com or www.facebook.com/paigelibrary.

‘THE NAUGHTY BUT NICE STITCHERS’ KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB meets at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville every Thursday from 2:30-4 p.m. New people with any skill level are always welcome to join the group. In addition to their own hand-crafted projects, they will be making hats, mittens and sweaters for children in Gilbertville as well as contributing some of these items to the World Vision/Knit for Kids Organization. The Naughty but Nice Stitchers are asking for donations of unused yarns and size 7 or 8 knitting needles for use on these projects. For more information, people may stop by or call the library at 413-477-6312.

TEA AT THREE will be held at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Rd., Hardwick on Thursdays at 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend and enjoy tea (or coffee), treats and talk. For more information, people may email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call the library at 413-477-6312.

ation, people may email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com, call 413-477-6704 or visit either www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/ or www.paigelibrary.com.

VENTURE CREW 6 is a co-ed, high-adventure outing club in Gardner for young people ages 14-20. They meet the first and third Thursdays of every month, and have at least one adventure each month. Sometimes they meet at a mountain, a lake or bike trail. People can find out where they will be meeting at www.GardnerVenturing.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

MOC CFCE PLAYGROUPS will be held on Fridays at the Hardwick Youth/Family Center, located above the police station/municipal offices, 307 Main St., Gilbertville from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All MOC Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) playgroups are free with focus on early literacy, cognitive development and STEM and sponsored by Montachusett Opportunity Council with funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care.

CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION meets at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre every Friday morning at 10 a.m. for creation and conversation. All are welcome to attend.

CRIBBAGE will be played at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB (CYC) will meet on Fridays at New Life Assembly of God, 60 Main St., South Barre from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The group will meet September to June. Club is for school age boys and girls who want time with friends, fun, and learning about God and His love for them. Parents are encouraged to come and meet the leaders when they drop off their children. For more information, people may email barreclub@gmail.com.

CRAFT CORNER will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston on the third Friday of every month at 10 a.m.

MOTHER GOOSE TIME for 0-2 year olds will

be held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Rutland Free Public Library, 280 Main St., Rutland. For more information, people may stop by the library or call 508-886-4108.

PITCH will be played at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston, the first and third Fridays of every month at 6:30 p.m.

ADULT COLORING GROUP will be held on the first, third, fourth and fifth Friday of every month at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville from 6-7 p.m. The library will provide supplies and people are welcome to bring their own. For more information, people may call the library at 413-477-6312.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will be offered by the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC and Faith and Family Hospice of Marlborough in the church office, 36 North Main St., West Brookfield on Fridays at 5 p.m. Sessions will be offered for 6 weeks with a 2 week break between the next. There is no limit to the number of times an individual can sign up for this program. The group is open to all ages and all kinds of losses. People may call the church office at 508-867-7078 to indicate they will be attending or email 1stcongo.westbrookfield@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

NO. 4 SCHOOLHOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at the schoolhouse, 209 Farrington Rd., Barre beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members should let them know they are attending. Nonmembers are welcome and should RSVP as Santa will deliver a small gift to each child under the age of 12. Please RSVP to Joyce Dea at 978-355-2005 or no4schoolhouse@gmail.com.

CIRCLE OF SONG HOLIDAY CONCERT ‘SELECTIONS FROM VERDI’ will be performed in collaboration with the Quabbin Regional High School Music Department and local musicians at the Barre Town Hall, Exchange St., Barre at 7 p.m. Quabbin Music Director Peter Lewis will join them as music director and conductor. For more information, people may visit www.circleofsong.net or contact co-director Julie Rawson at Julie@mhof.net or 978-355-2853.

WINTER SOLSTICE YOGA with Loren Magruder will be held at Listening Wellness Center’s yoga studio, 35 South St., Barre from 5-6:30 p.m. Fee for this class is suggested donations and Loren is gifting these donations back to Listening’s Yoga Program and Yoga Studio. For more information, people may visit www.listeningwellness.org or call 978-355-3501.

MONDAY, DEC. 23

LINE DANCING will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre from 11 a.m. to noon with dance instructor J.P. Ellery. People of all ages and from surrounding towns are welcome to attend.

TAI CHI CLASSES will be led by Barre resident Roger Currier at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., at 1 p.m. Classes are expected to last 30-45 minutes. Classes are planned for 3 days a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at a cost of \$5 per week (for 3 classes). This form of Tai Chi is geared toward seniors and is designed to gently loosen muscles, joints and strengthen one’s inner core. It is not rigorous and does not involve physical exertion. To sign up for the class or for more information, people may call the senior center at 978-355-5004.

WII BOWLING will be played every Monday at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre at 2 p.m.

BINGO will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 12:30 p.m.

ADULT COLORING GROUP will meet at

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NBSB to host Medicare information seminar

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Savings Bank NBSB will host their second free Medicare information seminar “Medicare – Countdown to 65” Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 at 4 p.m. at Hanna Devine’s, 91 Main St., Ware. This informative seminar will help people over 60 years old as they approach Medicare eligibility. Whether people are planning to retire or not, it is important to understand health insurance options outside of employer-sponsored coverage. Snow date is Jan. 16, 2020 at 4 p.m.

“North Brookfield Savings Bank is happy to be a resource for our community members when they are making important life decisions,” said NBSB senior vice president/director of human resources, Andrea Healy. “Whether someone is searching for the perfect financial product to fit their needs or seeking information about healthcare options, we can help them to find the answers they are looking for.”

Due to the popularity of this event, pre-registration is required with limited space available. It is highly recommended to reserve a place at this important learning

seminar by calling or emailing Andrea Healy at 508-637-7423 or ahealy@banknbsb.com. Light complimentary refreshments will be served.

The presentation and discussion will cover Medicare and Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare enrollment timeline, Medigap plans that help supplement Medicare coverage, Medicare Advantage plans, such as HMOs and PROs, Medicare Part D prescription drug plans and plans and programs available to early retirees, such as COBRA.

“As a local community bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank is fully committed to serving our community members in any way possible, not just as your local banker,” said NBSB senior vice president/director of human resources, Andrea Healy. “We are here to provide support, guidance and learning opportunities to help community members feel confident and at ease when they are making important Medicare healthcare decisions.”

North Brookfield Savings Bank offers educational resources and opportunities to customers, community members and



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North Brookfield Savings Bank “Medicare – Countdown to 65” seminar attendees Diane and Roy Chaplin, Betsy Cuddy Martinelli, speaker Sue Flanagan and North Brookfield Savings Bank senior vice president of human resources Andrea Healy are shown in front of the crowd of attendees before the start of the event June’s event.

employees as a way to empower them and help them to feel assured in their financial and life decisions. This aligns with the

Bank’s established core value “Commit to Excellence” which concentrates on elevating and lifting others up through growth

and learning for success. In addition, the core value of “Support our Community” encompasses the Bank’s goal to engage in

meaningful partnerships and put people first. These two practiced values that the Bank strives to embody everyday are why they are committed to providing the community with educational support.

Healy continues, “We are proud to offer various learning opportunities for our customers. We know that if our community members are equipped with knowledge, whether financial or any other topic, then this ultimately helps them to have overall better lives.”

To register, people may contact Andrea Healy at 508-637-7423 or ahealy@banknbsb.com.

North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Three Rivers Village of Palmer. NBSB offers a wide variety of deposit and loan products for individuals and businesses throughout Central and Western Massachusetts and has been a steadfast supporter of the communities in which it serves since 1854.

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families with younger children was the personalized ornament booth.

“I started making personalized ornaments for my friends and their kids who didn’t spell their names in the traditional way,” crafter Michelle Kibbe from Ware said. “This enables all kids to get their name on an ornament.”

With prices of the handmade ornaments ranging from \$3.95 to \$6.95 which included the personalization, shoppers were certainly getting a bargain, as many of the kids return annually just for the special and unique ornaments.

“I try to keep the price down for the kids,” Kibbe said. “At the holidays, parents don’t have a lot of extra money and I don’t make a lot of money, but that’s okay because I love doing it.”

Jessica McQueston visited the fair with the specific intention to acquire new ornaments for her four children. “We come every year and love that it’s a little community fair which has a lot to offer,” said McQueston. “We bought ornaments and June Glidden cookies.”

Aside from vendors selling everything from jewelry, soap, wooden crafts, pottery, crocheted and knitted items, pictures, greens and more, there were also members of organizations trying to fundraise for their group.

The Woods Memorial Library from Barre was selling their yearly card, which offers price reductions at many local locations, the Tri Parish Church had crafts for sale and offered a hands on craft



Terri and Wally Hall raffle off chances for a quilt at the Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair. Proceeds will help fund the youth mission to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the West Brookfield Congregational Church.

for children and Terri and Wally Hall were selling chances to win a handmade quilt with the proceeds going to the summer mission trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the West Brookfield Congregational Church.

The several hundred people that attended the fair left with plenty of goodies and good cheer to last the holiday season.



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Eight year old Travis Strom of Barre makes a snowman craft at the Tri-Parish Church table at the New Braintree Craft Fair.

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have the program at the high school. Students can be in the program and then access electives during part of the day. Muir said, “[I] give the staff a lot of credit for helping.”

In the future, it could turn into a possible program and opened up to school choice students. Gardner has an alternate learning program and the school district in the past lost students to that program. Supt. Muir said the district needs to look at how to sustain the program financially and to make it better.

Student Advisory Council

Two sixth graders from Ruggles Lane Elementary School talked about helping kindergarteners every morning. Sixth grade students escort them to class from the buses. They also talked about the teacher helper program. Students give up recess to help a teacher. On the last Thursday of the month, sixth graders choose a reading buddy and read to them. A seventh grader and member of the student advisory council talked about “No Shave November” and collecting donations for the Barre Food Pantry.

Teacher Advisory Council

Teacher Evan Barringer said it was “nice to see retired QRSD Committee members in the school.” He said he realized it was easier for

retires to attend school activities during the day than the members that have full time jobs.

Policy review/reform subcommittee

Chair of the policy review/reform subcommittee, Dr. Allan, asked the school committee to place six updated policies be placed on the table for thirty-day public review. One of the policies, Animals in Schools, would amend to include trained therapy dogs. In addition to the trained dog, the handler must be certified. Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said the goal was to “start out small.” She said the district has two staff members that are certified handlers and own trained therapy dogs.

Muir said unlike a service dog, a therapy dog works with a group of students not just one student. She said the therapy dogs could be beneficial to students in certain situations and have a calming effect. It can have the same effect on the adult staff.

Muir said Berlin, Boylston and Shirley had similar policies. She also talked with a Fitchburg school committee member, who has a therapy dog.

Hubbardston school committee member, Debra Chamberlain, asked about students with an allergy to dogs. Muir said parents must grant permission for their child or children to participate. Policies the committee

voted to place on the table included: JBB - addition per MASC to Equal Education Opportunities, JFABD -replace entire policy with MASC version – homeless students: enrollment rights and services, JFABE - updated educational opportunities for military children, JFABF - update educational opportunities for children in foster care, DK - regional school district payment procedures and IMG – animals in schools.

Update on school leases

Dr. Muir and director of administrative services Cheryl Duval meet with Oakham selectmen recently. The Oakham board was open to discussion of leasing space at the Oakham Center School in the old wing. If the town leased space, it would still have room to accommodate kindergarten through sixth grade and a preschool. Duval said a draft lease agreement must be part of the Request for Proposal (RFP). She said an RFP for Oakham could be put out at the same time as New Braintree Grade School in February.

Other business

The school committee approved a French Exchange Trip for April 2021. It also approved a trip to the Galapagos Islands for April 2021, both with the usual provisos. School Committee member Marcelino “Tex” Sarabia said, “All of South America was in turmoil and I personally would not go there.”

NBSB to hold digital banking learning lessons

NORTH BROOKFIELD — As a part of their commitment to their core values, North Brookfield Savings Bank (NBSB) frequently offers educational resources and learning opportunities to empower customers and help them to ultimately have the best possible financial experience. The bank recently announced their upcoming learning opportunity, Digital banking learning lessons, in an effort to introduce and help customers to understand the life-simplifying digital banking services they can take advantage of through the bank.

The North Brookfield Savings Bank Digital Banking Learning Lessons are being held throughout January and February 2020 and are scheduled at each branch location to make the lessons accessible to all current and future customers. Experienced and friendly bank representatives will be available for lessons, personalized demonstrations and will cover the topics of online banking, bill payment, mobile

banking app, mobile check deposit, eStatements and direct deposit.

“It is important for us as a local community bank to be available as a financial learning resource for our customers and communities, which is why we are launching our Digital Banking Learning Lessons,” said Patty Ostrout, NBSB senior vice president of retail banking. “We are happy to help simplify our customers’ already busy lives by introducing them to all of the valuable tools that come along with our collection of digital banking services. Overall it is our hope this will eliminate some of the stress that can be associated with handling their finances.”

Digital Banking Learning Lessons will take place on the following listed days during banking hours. They include: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 at North Brookfield Branch, 9 Gilbert St., North Brookfield; Thursday, Jan. 23 at East Brookfield Branch, 100 West Main St. (Rte. 9), East Brookfield; Thursday, Jan. 30

at West Brookfield Branch, 128 West Main St. (Rte. 9), West Brookfield; Thursday, Feb. 6 at Ware Branch, 40 Main St. (Rte. 9), Ware; Thursday, Feb. 13 at Belchertown Branch, 4 Daniel Shays Highway, Belchertown; Thursday, Feb. 20 at Palmer Branch, 1051 Thorndike St., Palmer and Thursday, Feb. 27 at Three Rivers Branch, 2060 Main St., Three Rivers.

To schedule a private lesson, people may contact Cheryl Orne at corne@banknbsb.com or 508-637-7401. Anyone can contact any North Brookfield Savings Bank branch location to schedule a private lesson when it better suits their schedule. People may visit NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/Blog to view the bank’s upcoming educational opportunities. North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Three Rivers Village of Palmer.



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Education

Monty Tech lists first quarter honor roll

FITCHBURG – Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School (Monty Tech) announced the honor roll for the first quarter. Local students earning principal’s list include: Sophia Howard, Class of 2022 and Emma Wilbur, Class of 2020, both of Barre; Isabella Botto, Class of 2022 and Gemma Marinelli, Class of 2023, both of Hubbardston. Local students earning high honors include: Alex Brown, Class of 2023, Jack Diaz, Class of 2020, Carolena Eck, Class of 2020, Catherine Nobilini, Class of 2023, Natalie Orne, Class of 2022 and Matthew VanDyke, Class of 2020, all of Barre; Ryan Arakelian, Class of 2020, Joseph Bessette, Class of 2022, Jayden Caron, Class of 2020, Karizmasophie Costa, Class of 2023, Ashley Femino, Class of 2021, Audrey Forte, Class of 2022, Ashley Girouard, Class of 2020, Bivigliado Gregson-Pareago, Class of 2020, Kathryn Gregson-Pareago, Class of 2021, Zachary Hinckley, Class of 2021, Gabriel Kusske, Class of 2020, Anneliese Kusske, Class of 2023, Peyton MacAllister, Class of 2023, Madisyn Magoon, Class of 2020, Mabel Matheson, Class of 2023, Ava McEvoy, Class of 2022, Ryan Norcross, Class of 2023, Christian Olson, Class of

2021, Raimo Puntanen, Class of 2020, Alyssa Scott, Class of 2023, Katie Valois, Class of 2022, Tyler Warner, Class of 2022, Elena Zelnia, Class of 2023, all of Hubbardston; Kiya Arsenault, Class of 2020 and Matthew Brouillet, Class of 2021, both of South Barre. Local students earning honors include: Joseph Blackmer, Class of 2021, Gracie Burke, Class of 2022, Colby Caban, Class of 2020, Leah Cooper, Class of 2023, Tyler Giancaterino, Class of 2022, Nicholas Nadeau, Class of 2020, Erick Soto, Class of 2020, Averie Taylor, Class of 2023, Abigail Tupper, Class of 2023 and Rachel Van Heugten, Class of 2021, all of Barre; Leah Bunton, Class of 2022, Jack Carignan, Class of 2021, Kelsey Dowd, Class of 2020, Hunter Hines, Class of 2020, Anthony Lesperance, Class of 2020, Tristan Nason, Class of 2023, Sabrina Ortolino, Class of 2020, Jack Ramsey, Class of 2020, Zachary Robillard, Class of 2022, John Scheeler, Class of 2022 and Bryan Sweeney, Class of 2020, all of Hubbardston; Jackson Pugliese, Class of 2023, of Petersham; Madisyn Harding, Class of 2023, Olivia Maki, Class of 2021 and Eliana Trott, Class of 2023, all of South Barre.

DESE to conduct Tiered Focused Monitoring Review at Monty Tech

FITCHBURG – During the week of Jan. 20, 2020, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE) Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students. In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child’s special education program. Survey results will

contribute to the development of a report. During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district’s Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations. Parents and other individuals may call Michelle Hennessy-Kowalchek Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at 781-338- 3704 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the department will make the necessary arrangements. Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the (district or charter school) with a report with information about areas in which the (district or charter school) meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the (district or charter school) requires assistance to correct or improve practices. The public will be able to access the report at www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/.

MWCC students visit State House

BOSTON – This week eleven Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) students traveled to the State House to participate in Community College Student Advocacy Day. Students from across the Commonwealth had the opportunity to meet with members of the legislature and urge increased support for the state’s community college system and its mission to provide accessible, high-quality education for its students. “It’s terrific to see such passionate public advocacy from our community college students, who represent the largest and most diverse sector of our public higher education system,” said Carlos E. Santiago, Commissioner of Higher Education. “These are the students so many of whom are raising children and working multiple jobs while pursuing their degrees, who represent the future citizenry and workforce in our state. I’m delighted so many took time to share their stories with legislators.” MWCC president James Vander Hooven joined student trustee Abraham Bravo, students Ryan Belliveau, Andrew Brunell, Diana Englebart, Rachel Fortier, Aidan Lane, Heather Maxwell, Michael Miller, Julie Mills, Paul Nyasani and Emily Robichaud and administrators Fagan Forhan, Assistant Dean of K-12 partnerships and civic engagement and Ramon Gonzales, senior director of college access programs for the event. Following remarks from lawmakers in the State House Great



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Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) students joined over 200 fellow students at the State House for Community College Advocacy Day. The students, from left, pictured with state Sen. Anne Gobi, holding pennant, are Ryan Belliveau, Paul Nyasani, Michael Miller, Julie Mills, Andrew Brunell, Heather Maxwell, Abraham Bravo and Emily Robichaud.

Hall, the MWCC delegation met privately with Senators Jamie Eldridge, Anne Gobi, and Dean Tran and Representatives Stephen Hay and Natalie Higgins. “Our students deserve to have their voices heard, and I am glad to have the chance to not only meet with them today but at each of their campuses as well. Their experiences and testimony are valuable resources that we can all benefit in learning from,” said Senator Anne Gobi. “I am so glad that Mount Wachusett Community College

students participated in the Community Advocacy Day. They are the best advocates for why the State needs to increase its investment in public higher education,” said Representative Higgins. “Mount Wachusett Community College plays a pivotal role in providing a path not only to a superb education but also to the workplace,” said Senator Tran. “It is a valuable educational institution that also works closely with area high schools to develop pathways to give them an opportunity for higher education.”

The Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges (MACC) encompasses 15 colleges across the Commonwealth serving the needs of over 156,000 students. Community Colleges offer a wide-range of programs to both traditional and non-traditional students, many of whom face significant hurdles in pursuit of their education. These institutions provide programs and services to help students overcome challenges ranging from homelessness and food insecurity, to transportation and childcare costs.

Ruiz de Luzuriaga appointed to Early Education and Care board

BOSTON – Governor Charlie Baker appointed Nicole (Nicki) Ruiz de Luzuriaga as a new board member to the Board of Early Education and Care. Ruiz de Luzuriaga is the vice president of institutional advancement for Economic Mobility Pathways, a Boston-based nonprofit that helps move people out of poverty. She will serve as the parent-representative on the 11-member board. “Ms. Ruiz de Luzuriaga’s many years of experience in helping children and families will be an asset to the Board of Early Education and Care. “We appreciate that she has agreed to serve on this board to help create strong educational starts for the Commonwealth’s youngest learners,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Ms. Ruiz de Luzuriaga brings a wealth of knowledge around creating programs for low-income families that will help the Department of Early Education and Care meet the needs of all children across the Commonwealth,” Lt. Governor

Karyn Polito said. Currently, Ruiz de Luzuriaga oversees the communications, marketing and philanthropic giving at Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath). She has also managed a department within the organization that helped more than 270 families each year move out of poverty and oversaw a budget of \$1.2 million. Previously she managed a program that provided intensive home visiting services to 130 teen parents annually and developed supportive programming for families and staff at the organization’s family homeless shelters. “We are very pleased to have Nicki as part of the Early Education and Care Board, taking on the role of parent representative which Katie Joyce has filled for the past five years. I would like to thank Katie for her years of dedication to children as a member of the board and wish her well in future endeavors,” Education Secretary James Peyser said. “I am excited to have Nicki join the Board as the parent rep-

resentative and to contribute her perspective as both a seasoned non-profit professional and mother,” said Early Education and Care Commissioner Aigner-Treworgy. “Nicki’s experience providing direct services to children, supports to families, and leading community development efforts in Massachusetts will be a strong asset to the Board as we work to enhance the agency’s efforts across these areas in the years ahead.” “Nicki is a leader in improving systems of support for vulnerable parents with young children, through research-informed interventions and intergenerational approaches that foster economic mobility and lead to better outcomes for all,” said Board of Early Education and Care Chair Nonie Lesaux. “On behalf of Board, I welcome and thank Nicki, and look forward to benefiting from her strong skill set, diverse experiences, and passion for community development and societal well-being.” “I have spent much of my

career concerned with poverty’s effects on children, focusing on intergenerational strategies and broad-scale change, and I welcome this new opportunity to help level the playing field for all families,” said Ruiz de Luzuriaga. “As a new parent I am keenly aware that quality early education programs provide a strong foundation for children’s learning and development and are key to an upward trajectory for many working parents. I look forward to working with Chair Lesaux and the rest of the Board, Commissioner Aigner-Treworgy, and Department staff in advancing Massachusetts’ early education and care system over the years ahead.” Prior to working at EMPath, Ruiz de Luzuriaga was manager of arts and wellness programs at Sociedad Latina, a community organization that promotes leadership development for Latino children and youth. She received a bachelor’s degree from Reed College and a master’s in public administration from Harvard University.

Carson Brooks completes hands on research project at Glacier National Park

WORCESTER – Carson Brooks of Petersham, a member of the class of 2021 majoring in management engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research project in Glacier National Park. The project was titled Glacier National Park 2019

Ambient Sound Study. In their project summary, the students wrote, “Noise pollution is becoming a greater threat throughout the world as both population and levels of man-made sounds increase. The goal of this project was to determine ambient sound levels at strategic locations in Glacier National Park.”

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university’s 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world.

A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people’s lives-and make a difference before they graduate. “The WPI project-based curriculum brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge to solve real problems,”

said Professor Kent Rissmiller, interim dean of WPI’s Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. “Students are immersed in a new setting, solving open-ended problems and working with people of different backgrounds-all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today’s global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school appli-

cation.” WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. WPI offers more than 50 bachelors, masters and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences and the humanities and arts.

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to run the week of December 23-27, 2019:

- **Thurs., Dec. 19 at NOON** for The Register, Sentinel, The Wilbraham-Hampden Times, Chicopee Register, Agawam Advertiser News, Quabog Current, Barre Gazette, Country Journal, Ware River News, The Journal Register, Town Reminder and The Holyoke Sun

Happy Holidays!

Happy New Year!

to run the week of December 30 - January 3, 2020:

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Broad Meadow Brook lists winter programs

WORCESTER – Mass. Audubon’s Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, 414 Massasoit Road, lists programs for January 2020. Advance registration is required for most programs. Programs are held at Broad Meadow Brook unless otherwise indicated.

Hike into the New Year will be held Wednesday, Jan. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The fee is free for Mass Audubon members and \$7/\$4 for adult/child nonmembers. They will hike or snowshoe on the sanctuary, looking for tracks and signs of wildlife as we follow the trails. They will have coffee and cocoa to help people warm up back at the Visitor Center.

Friday Morning Birds will be held Jan. 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The fee is free for Mass Audubon members and \$7 for nonmembers. Participants will enjoy a guided walk, sharpen their birding skills and help track migrating and resident birds for Mass. Audubon. They will explore different trails and habitats at the sanctuary each week as the birds change through the season. Bird enthusiasts of all levels are welcome.

First Saturday of the Month Volunteer Days at Broad Meadow

Brook will be held Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers help care for the sanctuary and enjoy a few hours of fresh air, fun and fulfillment. They may come once or every week and become part of the growing group of sanctuary volunteers. Together with Mass. Audubon staff, volunteers put up signs and markers, look for wildlife tracks, pick up branches, fill bird feeders, tend the gardens and distribute program information. Some tasks may require heavy lifting. Ability to work without supervision is required. Carpentry skills are welcome. Nature lovers are appreciated.

Junior Girl Scout Badge Workshop- Detective will be held Saturday, Jan. 4 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$9 per child. At this workshop, the Girl Scouts can choose to take a solar panel tour, create upcycled beads, hike the trails to watch how wildlife moves, discover ways to save energy, calculate their carbon footprint and go on an energy-saving scavenger hunt. They can do at least four for their Journey or move fast and do them all. This program meets at the Visitor Center and includes indoor and outside trail activities. They will explore the Sensory Trail as they

work on their badge.

Volunteer Day at Broad Meadow Brook will be held Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers help care for the sanctuary and enjoy a few hours of fresh air, fun and fulfillment. They may come once or every week and become part of the growing group of sanctuary volunteers. Together with Mass. Audubon staff, volunteers put up signs and markers, look for wildlife tracks, pick up branches, fill bird feeders, tend the gardens and distribute program information. Some tasks may require heavy lifting. Ability to work without supervision is required. Carpentry skills are welcome. Nature lovers are appreciated.

Homeschool program at Broad Meadow Brook, “Mammals in Winter” will be held Thursday, Jan. 9 from 1-3 p.m. The fee is \$10 Mass Audubon members and \$14 nonmembers. Children will learn about the cold months in the life of a mammal and how they adapt to their habitat to survive. They will go on a hike and look for signs that mammals have been active and learn natural science concepts in a social environment. Students receive information and activities following

each program so learning can continue at home. Broad Meadow Brook’s homeschool programs offer a friendly, cooperative learning environment for people of all ages. Parents are welcome to attend or students may stay on their own if a medical form is on file with the sanctuary. Note: Nature Adventures for Children (ages 5-7) meets at the same time, perfect for siblings.

Nature Adventures for Children will be held Thursdays, Jan. 9 and 23 from 1-3 p.m. The fee is \$10 Mass Audubon members and \$14 nonmembers. This is a hands-on nature program designed especially for five, six, and seven year olds. Each month they will focus on a new nature topic. They will explore nature topic indoors using investigations, crafts, and activities and outdoors in Broad Meadow Brook’s beautiful 430-acre wildlife sanctuary. These classes will provide in-depth learning in a supportive social environment. Homeschool classes for 8-16 year olds meet at the same time.

For more information or to register, people may call 508-753-6087, email bmbrook@massaudubon.org or visit massaudubon.org/broadmeadowbrook.

Dennis Picard to present program on Christmas in New England

SPRINGFIELD – Speaker Dennis Picard will present “Dashing Through the Snow: The Real History of Christmas in New England” Saturday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. in the museum theater, Springfield Armory National Historic Site. Seating is limited, reservations are required. Admission is free.

People formed in their minds a picture of a perfect early New England Christmas. This image might include families decorating an evergreen tree, bedecking their houses with garlands, attending church services, giving gifts and Santa Claus. It is amazing how many people have these elements in their mental image of this festive time of the year.

The reality of Christmas in early New England may be disappointing to some and unbelievable to many, but the historical actuality of that celebration or lack of celebration of Christmas is a very interesting tale and one that blends the heritage and spirit of many cultures

and many lands.

Dennis Picard has been a museum professional in the living history field for forty years. He began his career at Old Sturbridge Village and was on staff at Hancock Shaker Village as a historic trade craftsman and site interpreter. Dennis retired in April 2017 after 27 years as director of the Storowton Village Museum at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Springfield Armory National Historic Site commemorates and preserves the site of the Nation’s first armory, established in 1794. Managed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Springfield Technical Community College and the National Park Service, it is the home of the world’s largest historic American military firearms collection. The site is open Wednesday – Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For information, people may call 413-734-8551 or check www.nps.gov/spar.

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Pole and this year over 250 people attended the breakfast.

And it’s no surprise that Santa and Mrs. Claus were the highlight of the morning, with the special guests committed to staying to visit with each and every child in line. Professional photographer Mary Whitelaw added a nice touch and was there to capture the special moments. Parents also had the option of snapping their own pictures.

“I really like this event because I get to see the kids and the kids get to see me in a different way,” said RLS fourth grade teacher Carolyn Foley, who was on pancake duty that morning. “I get to see my co-workers and talk with them. I also get to see my former students – I love that. The breakfast gets you ready for the holiday season.”

As Tuttle explained, the morning is a collaboration of the PTO volunteers and the RLS staff merging working together and making a breakfast happen for several hundred people.

“Typically we have 10-14 people help out in the kitchen,” stated Tuttle. “Jobs are broken up into tasks that need to be done -



Ruggles Lane School teacher Jane Capurso and daughter Kailey got into the holiday spirit volunteering at the annual Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Ruggles Lane School last Saturday morning.



Nine-year-old Lillian McKinstry from Barre digs into some delicious pancakes served at the annual RLS Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

fruit preparation, making pancakes, cooking the sausage and serving the guests.”

Quabbin food services staff person Kelly Glynn has been one of the major keys to making sure the

event runs smoothly, overseeing all the elves in the kitchen.

For RLS new co-principal Sue

Musnicki who transferred this year from the middle school, the breakfast was fresh territory for her.

“This was my first official time helping and my first time attending,” Musnicki said with a smile. “It’s a wonderful event. It got the community out. It was nice to see some of the older dancers come back and perform at their old school. The comradery in the kitchen was great. I will be back next year.”

Former PTO president and co-chair of the breakfast, Hillary Budreau has always been a fan of the holiday event.

“From the first year I attended, to the year where we were worried about attendance due to a snow storm, to seeing all the children, not just my own, excited about seeing Santa and seeing the teachers in such a fun and relaxed environment, this event is always wonderful,” Budreau said.

New the last few years has been the addition of a bake sale to help raise money for specific grades and their needs.

“A few years ago we started asking each grade to take over one bake sale a year at our PTO events so they could have the opportunity to raise some funds for their grade, take ownership of the events and work with the PTO,” shared Budreau. “It has

been a great way for the kids to really help their classes earn money that is used at the staff’s discretion.”

Budreau also mentioned her gratitude to Rockwerx, a local Barre company that built and donated an archway that enabled the PTO volunteers to decorate it with gifts that helped to create an inviting entryway into the cafeteria for the event.

Funds raised from the breakfast continue to be earmarked for the playground, going into a maintenance account, which addresses needs as they come up from the use of the equipment.

Overall Tuttle was thrilled with all the help received from the RLS staff, the PTO, including Budreau, new president Sara Bissonnette and treasurer Stephanie Uguccioni, as well as the community that made their way to the school last Saturday morning.

“It is important to have these types of events to bring the community together and have fun,” concluded Tuttle. “RLS PTO sponsors multiple events throughout the school year for families to enjoy, such as Family Fun Night in October, the Daddy – Daughter Dance in the spring and Mother-Son Bingo Night in late winter or early spring. RLS is thankful for their extremely active PTO.”

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Ed Lawton receives MFBF’s John Ogonowski Award

MARLBOROUGH – During the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Foxborough farmer Ed Lawton received the 2019 John Ogonowski Award. The annual award is given to a Farm Bureau member, who has demonstrated distinguished service to the organization, to agriculture and to the community.

MFBF established the award in 2001 as a memorial to John Ogonowski, longtime MFBF member, county leader and victim of the Sept. 11 attack. Ogonowski was the pilot of American

Airlines Flight 11. He was actively involved in the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, serving as a mentor to immigrant farmers.

“I was pleased to present Ed with the 2019 Ogonowski award,” said MFBF President Mark Amato. “With more than 20 years of serving as membership committee chair to Farm Bureau and a lifetime of involvement, he was a deserving recipient of this award.”

Lawton ran a small dairy farm in the shadow of the Foxborough stadium, which now has been taken over by his daughter. He has served on his coun-

ty board of directors for many years and has been a delegate for the organization most years that he has been involved. He is also active on his county Farm Service Agency committee, the Massachusetts Agricultural Club and more.

“The Ogonowski award is meant to recognize those farmers that are not only a fixture in the Farm Bureau community but ones that give back to their own communities,” Amato said. “Ed has split his time between Farm Bureau, the dairy industry and his local community, making him an excellent award winner.”

Lawton received the award on Dec. 5.

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the Commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grassroots process. Its mission is “to protect the rights, encourage the growth, and be of service to its members, in the best interest of agriculture.” For more information about the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, people may visit www.mfbf.net.

Springfield Symphony Chorus holds auditions Jan. 7

HOLYOKE –The Springfield Symphony Chorus Director Nikki Stoia will hold auditions on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 from 8:30 to 9:45 p.m. at St Peter’s Lutheran Church, 34 Jarvis Avenue. This year’s schedule will feature performances with Maestro Kevin Rhodes with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for the follow-

ing for Carmina Burana” Saturday, April 18, 2020 and Movie Night Fantasy on May 2, 2020.

Those auditioning are asked to bring a short piece to perform, preferably in one of the following languages: Latin, Spanish, Italian, German, French or Hebrew (please bring a legible piano part for Stoia,

who will provide accompaniment. The judges will listen to a solo piece in English, but they prefer one of the above-mentioned foreign languages. Auditions are painless, but please be prepared to vocalize and sight read. As part of the audition process, it is asked that potential members check their calendars to ensure the

rehearsal and concert schedule will fit into their calendar. Those who are auditioning should bring their personal calendars to the audition for reference. Interested singers can email their name, phone number, and email address to the chorus president, Claire Folini, at sschoruspresident@gmail.com.

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Haston Free Public Library, North Brookfield every Monday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Coloring pages and pencils are available or people can bring their own supplies. All are welcome. For more information, people may call the library at 508-867-0208.

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

ART group will be held at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20 for 5 classes with supplies included.

BINGO will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.

CRIBBAGE will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

SCAT will be played at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

QUILTING CLASSES will be offered at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre, every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for 10 weeks.

SWINGING SINGING SENIORS will be held at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main St., Hubbardston at 1:30 p.m.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre, using the rear entrance.

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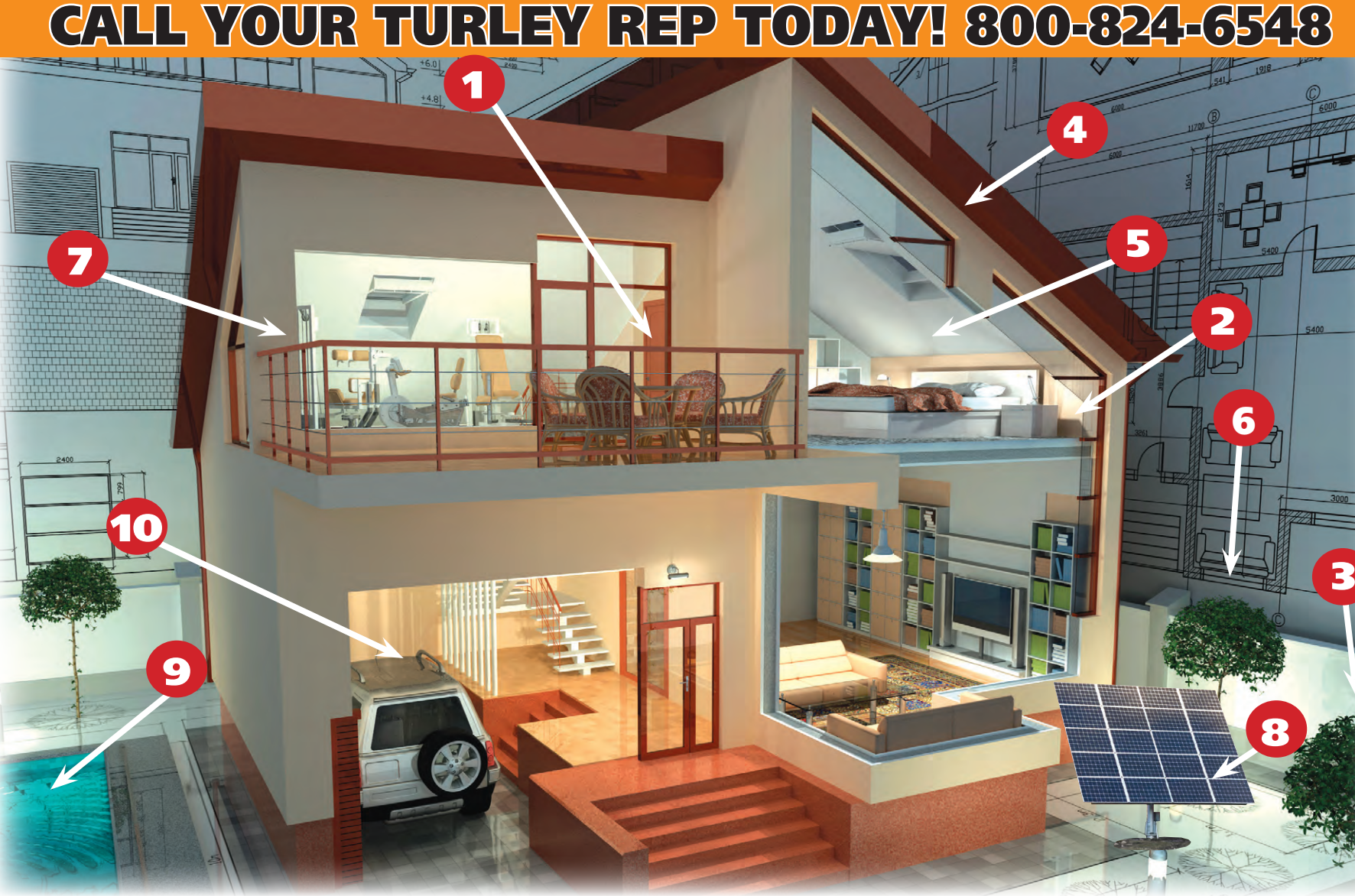
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Panthers fall to Lions, split first two games

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — It had been nearly two years since the Ludlow girls varsity basketball team had celebrated a victory and none of the current varsity players had ever won a game at Mullins Gymnasium before last Friday night.

Using what is known as the Grinnell System, the Lady Lions ended their long losing streak by squeaking out a 33-29 non-league home victory over the Quabbin Lady Panthers in the season opener.

“Our last victory was two years ago at Palmer, so it feels great to finally win a home game,” said Kayla McKay, who’s the only

senior listed on this year’s Lady Lions varsity roster. “Our system is a little bit different and we’re still getting used to it, but it worked very well in tonight’s game. It gives everyone the opportunity to play.”

The Lady Lions last victory came at Palmer (34-32) on Jan. 11, 2017. McKay, along with junior’s Arayah Remillard and Danielle Smith were also members of the varsity basketball team that season.

Their last home victory was on Dec. 16, 2016 against Amherst by the final score of 32-28. “They always say that the hardest win to get is your first one, so it feels very good to open the season on a high note,” said Ludlow head

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Delaney Parker stretches to pass around a defender.



Marianne Prescottti controls the ball under the net.



Madison Leroux tries to get a pass over the Lions defense.

Senators give Panthers run in season opener



Siobhan Davis leaps under the net blocking this shot.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — Palmer sophomore Maddy Theriault has scored 71 goals and has 19 assists for a total of 90 career points during the three years that she’s been a member of the girls varsity soccer team. She was also recently selected to the Division 3 All-State team for the second consecutive year.

While soccer has always been Theriault’s favorite sport, she’s also a very talented basketball player.

Theriault, a guard, scored 17 of her career-high 31 points during the fourth quarter leading the Lady Panthers to a 65-56 non-league home victory over Mahar Regional in the season opener, last Thursday night.

“Maddy might be an outstanding soccer player, but it was an incredible performance by her on the basketball court tonight,” said Palmer co-head coach Denise Levasseur. “She just played with a lot of heart out there.”

Levasseur, who’s a member of the Palmer Athletic Hall of Fame,



Marianne Prescottti controls the ball under the net.

is coaching basketball at the varsity level for the first time. Her daughter, Kendall, is a junior center on the varsity team.

Maddy’s mother, Amanda, who’s a member of the Westfield State University Athletic Hall of Fame, is the Lady Panthers other

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Cougars take care of Indians in opener



Lyndsey Schimmelpenningh fights to take possession of the ball after making a rebound.



Brianna Quilitzsch tries to find an open teammate.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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WARREN – A Saturday matinee is not usually the way basketball is played in Central Massachusetts, but the Quaboag Regional High School girls basketball team will take the win anyways as they downed North Brookfield High School 42-19 last Saturday afternoon at home.

The event was part of a matinee doubleheader hosted at Quaboag. Quaboag girls and boys both hosted North Brookfield at the event.

North Brookfield’s offense struggled right out of the gate, making it a blow-out early.

But it was not a big blowout as Quaboag struggled to shoot for some of the game.

Coach Bill Beauregard said that is something he plans to work on with the team for the next matchup.

“It was a good start, good game for us to open,” he said. “But we still have to get better shooting.”

He acknowledged the two snow days and a very short preseason set the Cougars and other teams behind to start the preseason.

“With the snow days, we got out

to a late start,” he said. “Hopefully we can get things together because we have a lot of tough games coming up.”

Quaboag was able to put up most of its points early, and they crashed the boards to limit North Brookfield to just five points in the entire first half. The Cougars

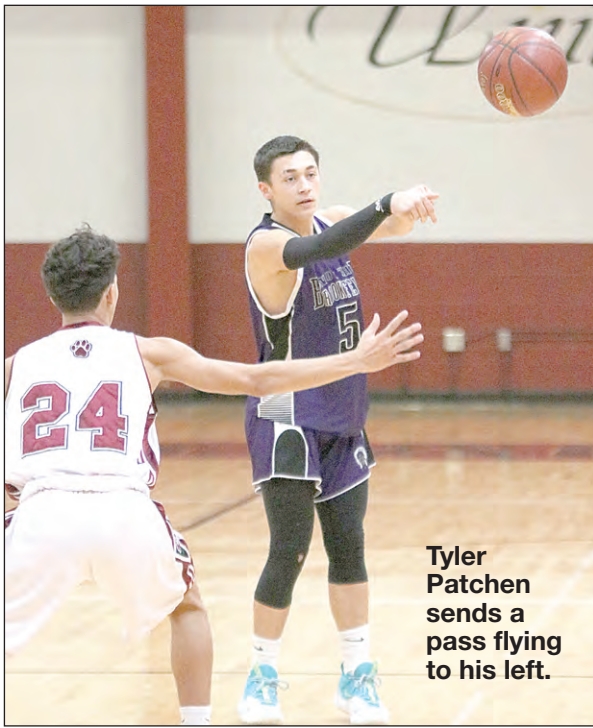
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Evelyn Doe receives a pass from Brianna Quilitzsch.



Madison Didonato makes a three-point attempt.



Tyler Patchen sends a pass flying to his left.



Joe Duszak keeps his dribble away from pressure.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Max Valencourt keeps the ball away from the Quaboag guard.

Indians open season

WARREN – The North Brookfield High School boys basketball team opened its regular season last Saturday at Quaboag. The Indians fell behind early, and lost 69-30. Tyler Patchen had 10 points and Max Valencourt had nine points in the loss for the Indians.



Michael Bokis gets around a Quaboag defender.



Tyler Dion honored by WSU

WORCESTER – The Worcester State University men’s basketball team secured an 83-73 win over Lasell University Tuesday evening in non-conference action at John P. Brissette Court.

With the win, Worcester State improves to 3-6 overall on the season. The Lasers drop to 1-9.

Before the game, senior Tyler Dion (Barre, Mass.) was honored for reaching the 1,000-point plateau for his collegiate career. Dion scored nearly 600 points in two seasons at Nichols College before transferring to Worcester State prior to his junior year. Dion was presented with a special painted basketball to celebrate the

achievement.

Four players finished in double figures for the victorious Lancers, led by junior Chris Cardoso (Jamaica Plain, Mass.), who finished with 23 points. Sixteen of Cardoso’s 23 came in the second half of action.

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The Week Ahead

QUABBIN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL				
Boys Basketball				
Thursday, Dec. 19	Away	Bromfield	7 p.m.	
Saturday, Dec. 21	Away	Montachusett	6:30 p.m.	
Girls Basketball				
Thursday, Dec. 19	Home	Bromfield	7 p.m.	
Indoor Track				
No meets this week				
Wrestling				
Saturday, Dec. 21	Away	Milford Tournament	10 a.m.	

NORTH BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL				
Boys Basketball				
Friday, Dec. 20	Away	Trivium	5:30 p.m.	
Girls Basketball				
Friday, Dec. 20	Home	Trivium	6:30 p.m.	

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL				
Boys Basketball				
Friday, Dec. 27	Home	Granby	7 p.m.	
Girls Basketball				
Friday, Dec. 20	Home	Gateway	7 p.m.	
Wrestling				
Thursday, Jan. 2	Away	Granby	7 p.m.	

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coach Tim Brillo. “The system that we’re using is hectic and it creates a lot of confusion for the opposing team. I’m very happy for these kids and we’re hoping to win a few more games this year.”

The main objective of Grinnell System is to shoot three-pointers, apply constant pressure with a full-court press, and substituting players frequently.

While the Lady Lions offense is still a work in progress, they did play very well defensively against Quabbin. The Lady Lions head coach also kept putting five different players on the court every couple of minutes.

The Westfield State University women’s basketball team also uses the Grinnell System and they have won the last four Massachusetts State Collegiate Conference (MASCAC) championship titles.

Kierra McCarthy, who graduated from Ludlow High School, was a key member of those teams. She finished her collegiate basketball career with more than 1,000 career points.

“I’ve spoken with Kierra about the system and I went to watch her play several times at Westfield State. I’ve also spoken with Westfield State head coach Andrea Bertini about it,” Brillo said. “It’s definitely a lot different at this level. We used it more



Photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Jordyn Gillon attempts a three-pointer for the Panthers.

defensively than offensively in tonight’s game, but every player brings something unique to our team.”

One of the Lady Lions first-year varsity players is freshman Mikala Stefanelli, who had a very

memorable first game. She came off the bench and scored nine of her game-high 11 points during the second half.

“I think Mikala is going to be a very good basketball player at the varsity level during the next couple of years,” Brillo said. “I watched her play for her Suburban League team last year.”

Junior Julia Brillo, who’s one of the Lady Lions eight returning varsity players, added seven points. Six other Ludlow players scored against the Lady Panthers, but no one had more than three points.

The Lady Panthers, who began the regular season with 45-38 home win against Northbridge the night before hours earlier, were led offensively by junior Julia Hamel with six points. She posted a double-double with a game-high 13 points and 12 rebounds in the season opening victory.

Senior Katie Jablonski and sophomore Ashley Leighton each scored five points in the Lady Panthers road loss against Ludlow.

Each team only made one field goal during the first eight minutes of the contest and they combined for a total of 21 fouls in the first half.

The Lady Panthers, who never trailed during the first half, made three of their four free throw attempts during the first quarter and entered the second stanza holding a slim 5-2 advantage.

The Lady Lions, who played

Bondsville Bowling News

By Dave Smigiel

The Fans of Kayce Smith put up a whopping 1501 total as they demolished the Cannonballs 7-0 taking the pinfall point by 101. Mike Nicholson’s super 392, which resulted from singles of 136, 132 and 124, led the way. He got help from his mates as Tom Clauson contributed 341 (108, 116, 117), Rich Dunnack 314 (103 and 128) and Brian Rowe 116 and 307. Keith Marchessault topped the Cannonballers with his 345 which included strings of 133 and 117 while Ralph Marchessault added a 100 second stanza.

Roll-A-Way continues their season long dominance by getting past the Central leading Night Hawks 5-2. The Hawks won the opener by a baker’s dozen as Dave Smigiel’s 108, Dave Fennyery’s 116 and Darryl Sinclair’s 114

countered Dan Josefiak’s 114 and Phil Clough’s 129. Roll-A-Way took the second 515-488 as Paul Martin’s 121, Josh Lowell’s 115, Dan’s 111 and Phil’s 134 did the trick despite Smigs’ 110, Dave’s 100 and Darryl’s 137. Roll-A-Way secured the third 524-492. Paul’s 105, Josh’s 119, Dan’s 137 and Phil’s 129 offset a 102 by Cheryl Desantis, Dave F’s 109 and Darryl’s 131. Pinfall by 46 (1513-1467). Phil was Roll-A-Way’s best at 392 with Dan at 362, Josh 332 and Paul 325. Darryl topped the Hawks at 382 with Dave at 325 and Smigs 316.

The Incredibowls began with a five-pin win in the first and went on to decision the red-hot Slow Burners 5-2 managing pinfall by one pin. Kevin Slattery tossed singles of 116 and 128 (331 triple) in leading the Incredibowls to the win. Peter Swistak chipped in with 114 and 312, Billy Brunk

Mountain at 305 (107 and 105) while Nate Robidoux added a 105 first in the losing effort.

Our final match found Kibbe Saw Mill getting past the Snappers 4-3. Kibbe’s dropped the first as the shellmen opened with a 523-team single (Ryan Balicki-121, 108’s by Kevin Krasnecky and Rusty Lambert, Ed Stachowicz-130). Kras came back with a 115 second while Blick and Russ added 105’s but Kibbe’s rebounded with a 504 of their own. Tony Burke’s 109, Brian Kibbe’s 105 and Jim Quinlin’s 102 contributed to the winning number. Jim finished with 103 countering Kras’ 118 which secured the finale by nine. He topped the lumbermen at 303 while all four Snappers were over 300 with Kras the best at 341. Ryan followed at 325, Ed 318 and Rusty 301. It sure helps to be spotted 49 pins per string.

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co-head coach.

“My mom and coach Levasseur have been coaching us for a very long time,” said Maddy Theriault, who’s beginning her third season as a member of the varsity basketball team. “It’s very nice to have them coaching us again at this level. I just love playing both soccer and basketball.”

Back in 2006, Amanda Theriault guided the Chicopee High School girls’ varsity basketball team to the Western Mass. Division 1 finals Springfield Central, which was a 50-47 loss, at the historic Curry Hicks Cage located on the UMass-Amherst campus.

Levasseur and Theriault took over the coaching reins at Palmer High School from Gerald Calvanese, who decided to retire at the end of last season.

“When coach Calvanese announced at the end of last season that he wasn’t planning to come back this year, Amanda and I spent many hours talking about coaching the varsity basketball team together,” coach Levasseur said. “We coached all of these girls at the youth level and we know their potential. They do respond very well to us and the future of Palmer basketball looks very bright.”

Things didn’t start out very well for the Lady Panthers in the season opener, as junior guard Jillian Lombardi suffered an injury to her right ankle 14 seconds into the first quarter. She was carried off the court and was taken to the hospital to be checked out.

“It was a very weird start to the game,” Maddy Theriault said. “Jillian was also injured last year and she didn’t deserve to get hurt in this game. It’s very sad.”

While Palmer trainer Brittany Ford was attending to Lombardi, the Lady Panthers coaches did their best to keep the rest of the players focused on the game.

“Jillian is one of our best players and it just took the wind out of our



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Nia Belloli brings the ball down court.

sails when she was injured,” coach Theriault said. “We quickly refocused, and everyone just stepped up. The players never gave up even when we were trailing by 14 points in the first half. We’re very proud of all them.”

Without one of their key players on the court, the Lady Panthers were trailing by five points (11-6) with 3:05 left in the opening quarter. They managed to tie the score following a 3-pointer from the left corner by junior guard Madison Cole (8 points) and a jumper by eighth grade guard Saige Youngberg, who scored six of her nine points during the first half.

The Senators, who were led by junior Micalyn Mailloux with 19 points, responded with an 18-4 run. They took a 29-15 lead when senior MaryAnne Prescott (9 points) banked home a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 4:45 remaining in the first half. It was Mahar’s fifth 3-pointer of the game.

The Lady Panthers were only trailing 30-25 at halftime, as they put-together a 10-1 run during the final four minutes of the second quarter.

Theriault, who led the Lady Panthers with 12 points in the first half, only scored two points during the third quarter. Her teammates picked up the slack offensively.

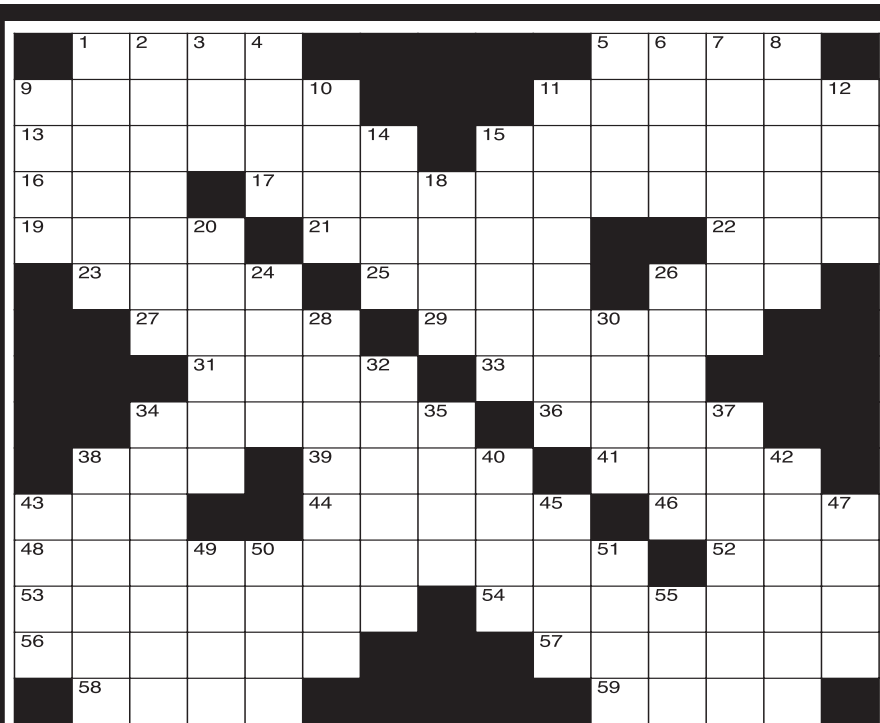
Palmer, who outscored Mahar, 14-9, in the third quarter, tied the score at 39-39 on an inside hoop by junior guard Miyah Mega (11 points) with five seconds remaining.

Sophomore guard Mia Murray, Youngberg, and Cole also scored for the Lady Panthers during the third quarter.

Mega made a pair of free throws with 7:25 left in regulation, which gave the home team the lead for the first time at 43-42.

Two minutes later, a put-back basket by Palmer freshman forward Giamorya McTier, which was her only points, capped off a 10-0 run giving the Lady Panthers a 49-42 advantage.

Then Theriault took over the spotlight. She scored 13 of her team’s final 16 points, as the Lady Panthers won the season opener for the third consecutive year.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. No longer on the market
- 5. W. African language
- 9. A way to open
- 11. A type of pigeon
- 13. Japanese warrior
- 15. Pelvic areas
- 16. No seats available
- 17. Not working
- 19. In a way, soaks
- 21. Growing outward
- 22. Ritzy local ___ Air
- 23. Telegraphic signals
- 25. Metric units
- 26. Large wine cask
- 27. Fiber from the husk of a coconut
- 29. Gets up
- 31. French river
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. They make great neighbors

- 36. The sun does it
- 38. Used to store ashes
- 39. First Chinese dynasty
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Word element meaning ear
- 44. Metric unit of length (Brit.)
- 46. Tributary of the Danube
- 48. Off-limits
- 52. Appeal earnestly
- 53. It’s good to have them
- 54. Commercial flying company
- 56. Acted out in protest
- 57. Took to the sea
- 58. Cuckoos
- 59. Drove fast

CLUES DOWN

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- 3. Romanian monetary unit
- 4. Form of Persian
- 5. Cold wind
- 6. Leave out
- 7. Small vehicle
- 8. A little off
- 9. Soviet Union
- 10. A narrow path or road
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. One who speaks Gaelic
- 14. Private school in New York
- 15. Jackson and Townshend are two
- 18. Soldier in an airborne unit
- 20. Taken illegally
- 24. Capital of Valais
- 26. Male reproductive

- organs
- 28. State capital
- 30. One with supernatural insight
- 32. Starts all over again
- 34. Jai alai arena
- 35. Star Wars antagonist
- 37. Freestanding structure
- 38. The ideal place
- 40. The extended location of something
- 42. Made level
- 43. Distinctive smell
- 45. Greek goddess of discord
- 47. Got older
- 49. Type of monkey
- 50. Travels to
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defense pitched a shutout in the second quarter to make it 27-5 at halftime.

“We had a tough time early,” said North Brookfield coach Lindsey Bennett. “But I was really happy with how we played in the second half.”

North Brookfield’s defense did play better in the second half, but it did not result in any type of a comeback as the offense still struggled and Quaboag’s defense did its job as well.

“It was a lot of good defense in the game,” said Beauregard. “That’s something we need to be doing well.”

Bennett said she was pleased with the way her team came together in the second half.

“We really played well as a team in that half,” she said. “We rebounded a lot and played better defense.”

Going forward, she said finding the open shot and moving the ball around better will be focuses for the Indians.

Kiarra Dorman, a senior who has already surpassed 1,000 points, led scorers with 19 points. Addy Ford, Sydney Corfey, and Victoria Morgan had five points each. Lyndsey Schimmelpenningh had six points to lead the Indians. The Cougars had seven treys in the game.

“We’re going to have success if we are hitting those three-pointers,” said Beauregard.

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Dion added on to his career total by pouring in 19 points, while also dishing out seven assists in the victory. Senior Erik Bjorn (Holden, Mass.) scored 12 points in the win,

while sophomore Corey Olivier (Maynard, Mass.) scored 11.

Lasell got 23 points from junior guard Kevin Nunez, while the game’s only double-double was earned by junior Kevin Vanderhorst, who finished with 21 points and 10

boards.

The contest ended with eight ties and eight lead changes, with all but two of the tied scores coming in the second half.

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May the joyful spirit of the season fill your heart and home with happiness this Christmas! Thanks for all you've done to make our year so special.

Law Offices of
CRANSTON & CRANSTON P.C.
26 Valley Road, PO Box 938, Barre
978-355-2100

May Faith, Hope & Happiness
Light Your Way Straight Through the New Year!

To our neighbors, customers, friends and associates here in the community, thank you and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. We hope you get everything on your wish list!

PARKER HOUSE OF PIZZA
17 Pleasant Street, Downtown Gardner
(The Building with the Blue Awning)
978-632-9383

Feel the Joy. Share the Spirit.

There's a special warmth that comes from knowing good folks like all of you, and we feel it more than ever at Christmastime. Thank you for bringing so much extra meaning and joy to our holiday season.

Waterwheel Realty
Barre
978-355-4438
www.waterwheelrealty.com

Christmas is coming, much to our delight. We hope it's especially merry and bright!

To all of our good friends and customers here, thank you for making our year so special.

We wish you all the best at Christmastime and throughout the New Year.

From Everyone At:

W.R. ROBINSON LUMBER CO., INC.
Cleveland Road, Wheelwright
413-477-6050

2019

Baby's 1ST Christmas



Evelyn Tulliano
 June 29, 2019
 Parents: Julia Varney and Joe Tulliano of Barre



Jack Martin O'Connor
 April 9, 2019
 Parents: Marissa and Corey O'Connor
 Siblings: Nolan Thomas and Travis Mark
 Grandparents: Tom and Margaret Mertzic and Mark and Jill O'Connor of Barre



Harper Ray Prentiss
 June 7, 2019
 Parents: Colton and Melissa Prentiss of Hubbardston
 Grandparents: Dan and Barbara Proffitt, Doug Prentiss and girlfriend Christine Arseneault, and David and Catherine Flick.



Lionel Nils Brekka
 Dec. 5, 2019
 Parents: William Nils and Laura Lewis Brekka
 Grandparents: Ken and Clare Brekka of Hubbardston and David Taylor of East Hartford, Connecticut.



Cadence Marie and Gwen Ann Thorpe
 August 14, 2019
 Parents: Sean and Misty Thorpe of Barre,
 Siblings: Kenzie and Jorja Thorpe
 Grandparents: Lisa Besaw of Barre and Robert Duval of Barre and Sandi and Doug Thorpe of Hubbardston.
 Great-grandparents: Barbara Apholt of Holden and Marjorie and David Thorpe of Meredith, N.H.

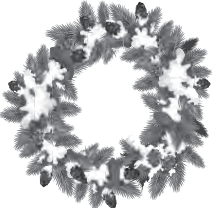
Deepest Thanks & Best Wishes

Hope the Christmas season and the New Year bring waves of happiness your way!

Thanks for keeping us afloat with your friendship and support!

J.C. POOLS INC.
 108 Main Street, South Barre
 978-355-6465 • 508-882-3913





Thanks & Best Wishes All Around

It's friends and customers like all of you who make our season bright!

BRUCE COFFIN, C.P.A. INC.
 926 Old Turnpike Road, Oakham • 508-882-3394
NINA MARCINOWSKI, E.A.
 7 Exchange Street, Barre • 978-355-2210
www.brucecoffinpa.com



Rejoice!

As we ring in the holidays, we're filled with gratitude for so many blessings, including the friendship and support of good folks like you. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

SCHULTZ COUNTRY STORE & BARNSIDE CAFÉ
 163 Maple Avenue (Route 56), Rutland
 774-234-0405

Warm Wishes

Hope your holiday is merry, bright and full of sweet surprises.

Thanks for making time for us in 2019!

ORIGINAL TIRE CO.
 South Athol Road, Athol • 978-249-3477

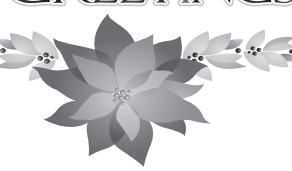


HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May your Christmas bloom with beauty and happiness!

Thank you for being such good friends.

Black & White GRILLE
 PIZZERIA & ICE CREAM
508-885-5018
blackandwhitegrille.com
 206 North Spencer Road, Rte 31, Spencer





Of all the gifts the Christmas season brings, your presence is one of the presents we most appreciate!

Thank you for being a valued part of our business at the holidays and all year.

BARRE PIZZA
 On the Common, Barre • 978-355-4595 • OPEN 7 DAYS



DELIVERING OUR BEST

A few warm wishes goes a long way To added enjoyment to the holiday Good to us, you've certainly been So we wanted to thank you for just dropping in!

QUALITY WATER PRODUCTS
 25 Town Farm Road
 South Barre
 978-355-6833

Christmas is on the way, so we're reaching out to say,

"Hope it's merry, bright and wonderful in every single way!"

May this special season deliver memories you'll cherish for a lifetime. Thank you for making our year such a happy and successful one. It's our pleasure and a privilege to do business here, and it wouldn't be the same without wonderful folks like you!

QUABBIN PLAZA LIQUORS
 Quabbin Plaza, Barre
 978-355-6496



Now Serving Beer & Wine

Jolly, Happy Wishes

May your Christmas stocking and your heart be filled to the brim with joy!

Red Tomato PIZZA & RESTAURANT
 11 Exchange St., Barre • 978-355-3536
 Sunday-Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.



A Merry Little Wish

Hope your holiday is the complete package!

Thanks for making our year so much fun.

CHUCK'S CIVIC CENTER
 60 Worcester Road, Barre
 978-355-0010







As we tie up another year, we're reminded of just how fortunate we are to do business in this warm and welcoming community. Thank you for your year-round support and friendship. We wish you and yours a most merry and beautiful Christmas.

CIRELLI REAL ESTATE
 Barre • 978-355-2700

Merry Christmas

Wishing You Loads of

JOY

at Christmas!

We're delivering our best wishes to the wonderful friends and customers who have made our year so very merry. We couldn't ask for a better gift than your loyal support, and we thank you for your patronage.

Here's hoping your Christmas season is filled with friendship, love, laughter and many happy surprises!

J&J FAMILY RESTUARANT
 815 Worcester Road (Route 122), Barre
 978-355-2122



Folks Like You Put the Merry in Our Christmas!

As we dash toward a new year, we can't think of a better place to celebrate the holiday season than right here. Thank you for being such great neighbors, customers and friends. We wish you all the best!

CREATIVE FLOORS INC.
 1653 North Main Street, Holden • 508-829-7444
www.creativefloorsinc.com



So Much Merry

Here's hoping your holiday season holds all good things. We sure do appreciate the support of kind friends and customers like you. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

R.J. McDonald
 Propane - Heating Oil
 71 Worcester Rd., Barre, MA • (978) 355-6649



BBB offers tips on holiday travel

Whether people are planning a holiday trip, looking for a good deal for their next family vacation or have just decided they need a getaway, Better Business Bureau (BBB) warns people to plan ahead to save money, avoid scams and travel safely.

Scammers commonly target people looking for great deals online by offering tempting vacation packages at unrealistically low prices. That's why it is important to do research first. BBB.org is a great resource for finding travel agencies, agents and websites that are reputable and dependable.

Here are some additional tips from BBB to help ensure a worry-free vacation:

Plan ahead. The early bird gets

the worm. Allow yourself the time to research hotels, flights and the area where you will be staying. Typically, the earlier people make reservations, the better the deals they will find and the lower the risk of their favorite destination being booked solid. Making reservations in advance also locks in rates and prevents you from paying higher prices later during prime spring break or holiday seasons.

Avoid broad internet searches. Try to avoid entering phrases like 'best deals' into whichever search engine you use. Broad search terms like that can sometimes lead you to websites that look official, but are designed solely to rip people off.

Be alert for travel scams. Watch

out for phone calls or letters claiming that you've "won a trip" or websites offering prices that are too good to be true. It's easy to extend questionable offers like these, but the vast majority of them leave hopeful travelers in limbo - and out money. Learn more about travel scams here.

Do your homework. Ask family and friends to recommend a travel agent or travel website and visit BBB.org for free Business Profiles. If you are using online services to find accommodations, be sure to research the business and read customer reviews about any rentals you are considering.

Get trip details in writing. Before making final payment, get all the

details of the trip in writing. This should include the total cost, restrictions, cancellation penalties, and names of the airlines and hotels. Also, review and keep a copy of the airline's and hotel's cancellation and refund policies, as well as the cancellation policies of the travel agency or booking site you are using.

Consider travel insurance. Travel insurance covers things like trip cancellations or medical emergencies. There are different levels of coverage based on what type of plan you purchase. Ask a lot of questions, and always read the fine print to see what's covered and what's not.

Pay with a credit card. Paying with a credit card gives you additional pro-

tection if something should go wrong with the travel reservation.

No matter when or where you are traveling, there are things you should always do to protect yourself, your home, and your belongings:

Wait to post on social media. We all like to share our vacation adventures with friends and family, but wait until you get back from your trip. Giving too much detail about when you will be away, and your home will be empty, could attract thieves.

Check your home insurance. If your home will be unattended while you are away, make sure you know your responsibilities under your home insurance policy. Some policies do not cover damage if nobody checks on

your house for a certain amount of time.

Share a copy of your itinerary with a family member or friend. Include the contact information of someone joining you on your trip.

Take a map. People rely heavily on smartphones and GPS. Have a hard copy backup in case of technical difficulties or if you are going through an area with poor cellphone reception.

Check the weather conditions where you will be traveling and pack appropriate supplies and clothing.

Avoid traveling alone. Use the buddy system and stick with your friends.

Use hotel safes to store extra cash and keep any valuables under lock and key.

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Baby's 1ST Christmas



Treemendous Joy at Christmastime

Heartfelt greetings and very best wishes to our valued customers and friends at this special time of year!

KIP'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM
New Braintree Center 508-867-2423

Ho-Ho-Hope It's Happy! Best wishes and many thanks to our dear friends and customers at Christmastime.

SHEAR EXPRESSIONS HAIR DESIGN
24 North Brookfield Road, Barre Plains
978-355-4467 OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

Deer Friends, We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Thanks for making our year so bright.

HUBB EQUIPMENT, INC.
31 Old Boston Turnpike, Hubbardston
978-928-4258

Brightest Wishes

May the spirit of Christmas light your heart and home with enough cheer to last all year.

Merry Christmas and many thanks!

F.T. SMITH SAND & GRAVEL
53 Brooks Pond Road, North Brookfield • 508-867-0400

JOY

We hope you get your fill at Christmastime and all year! Thanks for filling our year with so many good memories.

SABERTECH SYSTEMS INC.
By Appointment
978-820-1049
coloughlin@sabertechsys.com
www.sabertechsys.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year

Thanks for your valued patronage at the holidays and all year.

WHITE VALLEY MOTORS
843 Worcester Road, Barre • 978-355-2200

Hope Your Holiday Is All Kinds of Merry

RE/MAX ADVANTAGE 1
www.thedonnawarfieldteam.com

THE DONNA WARFIELD TEAM

Donna M. Warfield
508-479-1407
donna_warfield99@gmail.com

Kimberly Clark
978-906-1503
kimberlyclark1@remax.net

From Our Nest to Yours, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We're delighted to be spending another holiday season with good friends and neighbors like all of you. Thank you for making us feel so at home here. We really do appreciate your friendship and kind support, and we wish you and yours a blessed and joy-filled holiday.

R.N. GLIDDEN LANDSCAPING SERVICE
1750 Hardwick Rd. New Braintree.
978-355-2827

Merry & Bright Wishes

It's been a joy to serve folks like you in 2019, and we look forward to seeing you again soon in the New Year!

QUABBIN AUTO REPAIR
8 Broad Street • Barre • 978-355-6763

Thank you for believing in us! It has been our pleasure to serve this community in 2019, and we wouldn't be here without your kind support.

We hope your Christmas is merry and bright in every way, and we look forward to seeing you again soon in the New Year!

We're So Ho-Ho-Grateful!

Rutland Pharmacy
18 Maple Avenue • Rutland • 508-886-6261

Merry Christmas

Just a friendly little greeting and a heartfelt wish for cheer...

May the peace and joy of Christmas stay with you all through the New Year!

We thank you for your business, and look forward to seeing you again soon.

WHOLE SOME Farmers Market
594 Summer Street
Quabbin Plaza, Barre
978-257-8107

Thanks For Dropping In On Us!

Health and Happiness, Good Luck and Good Cheer...

We Wish You All This and More At Christmastime and Throughout the New Year!

CAKES by AMANDA
12 Exchange St • Barre, MA
info@customcakesbyamanda.com
cell: 978-257-4136 shop: 978-257-8451

Christmas Greetings - and - Best Wishes

Merry Christmas, and Many Thanks!

Of all the signs of the season we love to see, the joy on the faces of our friends and clients is the one we look forward to the most. Thanks so much for being a part of our life and our business. We can't think of a better place to have made our nest than right here with all of you.

BREKKA & BREKKA ATTORNEYS AT LAW
KENNETH L. BREKKA
CLARE FRANK BREKKA • WILLIAM N. BREKKA
2 WORCESTER ROAD, HUBBARDSTON
978-928-5000 • WWW.BREKKALAW.COM

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Best holiday wishes from the bottom of our heart

Fidelity Bank LIFE DESIGN

800.581.5363 fidelitybankonline.com

Merry Christmas

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Candy canes and boughs of holly, Festive scenes that make us jolly. The Christmas season is finally here, Bringing with it joy and cheer; And on that note, the time is due, to share best wishes with all of you.

May Your Season Be Blessed and Happy!

CONCRETE SOLUTIONS
199 East Broadway, Gardner • 978-669-0088
www.concretesolutionsonline.com

BRIGHTEST WISHES at Christmas

The holiday lights are all aglow, but it's customers like you who really brighten our year! Thank you for bringing us so much joy at the holiday season and always. We wish you and yours nothing but the best.

NORTHEAST PIZZA

570 Summer St., Barre, MA
978-355-4333

267 Webster St., Worcester, MA
508-798-3111

1205 Main St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9276

208 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA
508-867-9567

Friends Like You Make Christmas So Bright

To all of the kind folks who have dropped in on us this year, we'd like to say thanks and let you know how much your visits mean to us. We're grateful to belong to such a warm and friendly community, and we look forward to spending another wonderful year with all of you.

We hope you enjoy a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

BARRE GAZETTE
80 Main Street, Ware • 978-355-4000

Obituaries

Marguerite Marleau, 83

BARRE/WORCESTER – Marguerite Marleau, 83, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Dec. 14, 2019 at the Christopher House in Worcester.

She was born in Fitchburg on Nov. 26, 1936 on Thanksgiving Day, the daughter of Louis U. and Velma M. (Marien) Marleau. Marguerite graduated from Auburn High School in 1955. She lived in Auburn for 54 years before moving to Barre in 1994, where she resided till moving to Christopher Heights in Worcester four years ago. She was an avid reader and a charter member of the Worcester Chapter of Sweet Adelines. Marguerite loved spending time with family, who will miss her greatly.

She was predeceased by her son, Paul Marleau. She is survived by a son, Peter Marleau and wife Cathy of Holden; a daughter, Jeannine Kessler and husband Mike of Waynesboro, Virginia; a sister, Denise Wehner and husband Francis of Groton, Connecticut; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two nieces and a great-nephew.

The family would like to thank the staff at Christopher Heights and the Christopher House for their devoted care over the past few years.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019 from



4-7 p.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield. A graveside service will be held on Friday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. at Notre Dame Cemetery 162 Webster St. in Worcester. In lieu of flowers, please support her favorite charity, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at stjude.org.

DEATH NOTICE

Marleau, Marguerite
Died Dec. 14, 2019
Calling hours
Dec. 19, 2019
Pillsbury Funeral Home

Cannabis Control Commission amends quarantine order

WORCESTER—The Cannabis Control Commission issued an amended quarantine order for vaporizer devices and products manufactured by Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers in Massachusetts. Effective at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, the order permits the sale of devices used to vaporize flower for adult and medical use of marijuana, devices designed to vaporize concentrate that do not contain usable marijuana, and regulated vaporizer products that are manufactured starting Thursday which pass screens for vitamin E acetate as well as other contaminants required under the commission’s testing protocols.

The commission’s initial quarantine remains in place for all other marijuana vaporizer products that have been manufactured prior to Dec. 12.

Today’s action modifies a Nov. 12 quarantine order the commission issued following a Superior Court ruling concerning the Commonwealth’s declared vaping public health emergency and investigative findings from the U.S. Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) that identified vitamin E acetate as a chemical of concern among people with e-cigarette, or vaping, product use associated lung injury. On Dec. 6, the commission entered into a data-sharing agreement with the Department of Public Health (DPH) after DPH identified licensees that may be linked to probable lung injury cases in Massachusetts. No case with a confirmed injury has so far identified using vaping products that were purchased from a licensed Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.

As part of an ongoing investigation, the commission continues to test vaporizer products for the presence of toxicants or contaminants, including vitamin E acetate and heavy metals. Using validated tests, Independent Testing Laboratories have not identified

detectable levels of vitamin E acetate from 91 initial vaporizer product testing samples that were collected from unique source production batches from 19 licensees in November. The commission is still awaiting the results of 126 additional vaporizer product test samples collected from unique source production batches from 22 licensees in December.

Based on initial testing results from samples collected in December, the commission has determined continued investigation is necessary to determine whether any vaporizer product samples exceed the heavy metals threshold established in the commission’s Protocol for Sampling and Analysis of Finished Medical Marijuana Products and Marijuana-infused Products. The commission’s investigation into existing vaporizer product toxicants remains ongoing.

Under the amended order, prior to the sale of any new vaporizer products, licensees will be required to confirm the finished products do not contain vitamin E acetate and remain in compliance with the commission’s testing protocols after the injection of usable marijuana concentrate. The order also underscores all licensees’ ability to submit marijuana vaping products to Independent Testing Laboratories for vitamin E acetate screening or retesting for toxicants or contaminants while the commission’s quarantine on additional marijuana vaping products remains in place.

Going forward, in accordance with new regulations approved by the commission in September, licensees that sell marijuana vaping products will be required to list their active or inactive additives, including the amount infused or incorporated during the manufacturing process, including thickening agents, thinning agents, and specific terpenes. Under the amended quarantine order, licensees will also be required to disclose that the patient or consumer may request to inspect a copy of

the product’s associated testing results.

Retailers and dispensaries that sell vaporizer products will be required to post a conspicuous disclaimer that reads, “This product has been tested for contaminants, including Vitamin E Acetate, with no adverse findings.

Warning: “Vaporizer products may contain ingredients harmful to health when inhaled,” and provide an insert with the same language at point of sale. Additionally, those that sell disposable and reusable vaporizer devices such as pens will be required to include a written insert that identifies their manufacturer, battery, and other known components, and discloses the materials used in their atomizer coil. This information will be required to be included in product lists posted on the licensee’s website and other third-party applications as well.

The amended order also mandates additional compliance terms for licensees that pertain to record-keeping in the state’s seed-to-sale tracking system and between licensees that wholesale products.

While the commission’s quarantine on products manufactured before Dec. 12 remains ongoing, patients or consumers who are concerned about a product they bought previously should consult with the Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center from which it was purchased. Licensees may be able to provide more information about where a product was produced, as well as manufacturing details about the cartridge, battery, atomizer coil or other components.

The commission continues to encourage patients who are impacted by the quarantine to consult with a clinician about alternatives to care.

For more information about the amended quarantine order, people may contact the commission by emailing Commission@CCCMass.com, call 774-415-0200 or follow the agency on Facebook and Twitter.

Church News

Masses and Services

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
Rev. James Callahan, Pastor
Rectory – 978-257-8372
Office - 978-355-2228
Fax 978-355-0042
St. Joseph’s Chapel
On the Common, Barre
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday – 8:00 a.m.
St. Thomas-a-Becket Church
Vernon Avenue, South Barre
MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday – 4:15 p.m.
Sunday – 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 a.m.
Confession - Saturday 3 p.m. or by appointment

FIRST PARISH UNITARIAN CHURCH ON THE COMMON HUBBARDSTON
978-928-5822
Church Service – 10 a.m.
Sunday School will be at 9 a.m.
Coffee following the service.
The pulpit is filled each week with ministers, seminary students, lay leaders, or visiting musicians. This mix of speakers gives the church a vibrant mix of topics and personalities to deliver the message. All are welcome.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF HUBBARDSTON
1 Gardner Rd., Hubbardston
Sunday Services 10 a.m. to noon
Open Thursdays 7-9 p.m.

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Oakham
Bible Based Fellowship
508-882-3337–John 3: 3–7
Weekly host home(s) meetings

OAKHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
4 Coldbrook Road
508-882-5537
Rev. Timothy Hanley – Minister
Sunday Worship Service – 10 a.m.
Youth Fellowship (grades 6-high school) – Sunday Morning from 9:30-10 a.m.
Sunday School (preschool-grade 5) – Sunday Morning from 10-11 a.m.
Family Sunday, Communion, and Children’s Story are held on the first Sunday of each month (no Youth Fellowship or Sunday School)

ST. PETER’S CHURCH
18 North St. (Route 32) Petersham
Rev. Edwin Montaña, Pastor
Tel. Church 978-249-2738
Rectory 978-249-2738
Sunday Mass – 9 a.m.
Coffee social hour after Mass
St. Peter’s Parish Hall

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL PARISH UNITARIAN
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Church Phone #978-724-3401
www.PetershamUnitarian.org

ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONAL
21 North Main St., Petersham
Church 978-724-8808
Sunday worship – 10 a.m.
Rev. David Purdy 336-414-7882
Sunday School - Child Care
Handicapped Accessible

ST. AUGUSTINE’S MISSION
Church Street, Wheelwright
Fr. Richard Lembo
Rectory – 413-477-6493
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday – 9 a.m.
Thursday – 8 a.m.

TEMPLE ISRAEL
107 Walnut St., Athol
Reb Sarah Noyovitz
Office – 978-249-9481
Website: www.templeisraelathol.org
Two Saturday Shabbat services a month beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a vegetarian potluck luncheon and Torah study.
(See website for schedule)

TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Serving the communities of Hardwick, Gilbertville and New Braintree meets on a rotating schedule at the involved churches as follows:
January-April - New Braintree Congregational Church, 3 Oakham Rd., New Braintree
May-August - Trinitarian Congregational Church (the Stone Church), Rte. 32, Gilbertville
September-December - Hardwick Universalist Church, Hardwick Center
Worship begins at 10 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday School during worship.

SAINT PATRICK PARISH
Father James Boland, Pastor
290 Main St., Rutland
Parish Center
9 Pommogussett Rd., Rutland
Church Hall - 508-886-3161
Fax - 508-886-2897
Email - info@stpatrikstrutland.org
Daily 8 a.m. Masses - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Saturday Mass - 5 p.m.
Confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 4-4:30 p.m. or by appointment only.
Sunday Masses - 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
108 New Braintree Rd.(Rte. 67), North Brookfield
Church – 774-289-6068
Sunday Worship – 10 a.m.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RUTLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
All are welcome here.
264 Main St., Rutland
Pastor David W. Fish
Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. during the service
Senior High Youth Group on Sundays at 7
Pastor’s Cell - 413-537-8027
Church Office - 508-886-4453
Pastor’s email: dwfish@comcast.net
Church email: rutlanducc@gmail.com
facebook.com/
FirstCongregationalChurchofRutland
Website: www.rutlanducc.org

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST BROOKFIELD
P.O. Box 371
36 North Main St., West Brookfield
Rev. Lisa Durkee Abbott, Pastor
508-867-7078
Sunday worship – 10 a.m.
Sharing Cupboard (serving West Brookfield, Warren and West Warren) - Wednesdays - 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Thursdays - 7-8 p.m. Call the church for more information at 508-867-7078.
Senior choir practice Thursdays – 7:30 p.m.
Seasonal Bible studies
Call church for times and dates

ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
15 Park Avenue, Athol
Rev. William B. Hobbs, Pastor
Church Service is Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.
All faiths welcome.
Sunday School is at 9 a.m.
Church office — 978-249-9553
Website — www.stjohnsathol.com
St. John’s Thrift Shop is open Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon providing quality pre-owned clothing and housewares at reasonable prices.

CHESTNUT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
161 Chestnut St., Gardner
978-632-1978
gardnerumc@gmail.com
Rev. Sela Rousseau, Pastor
Sunday Worship Service - 10 a.m.
Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal - Sunday 9 a.m.
Website gardnerumc.org

2006-2019 Thirteen Year Memory
David Allen Keans

THE DAY GOD TOOK YOU HOME
A million times I've needed you,
A million times I've cried,
If LOVE alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
No one else can ever fill
It broke my heart to lose you
But you didn't go alone
Part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.
Every day we LOVE and MISS you
Your Mom and Family xoxo

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1265 South Main St • Athol • 978-249-4380
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(508) 829-4434 (978) 422-0100
www.milesfuneralhome.com

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- Tour of facilities
- Directions to funeral home
- Obituaries with maps to churches and cemeteries
- Access links to social security and veteran services

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Public Safety

Barre Police Log

Friday, Nov. 8
5:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
3:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Summer Street – Citation Issued
8:45 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 9
12:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
12:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Summer Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Patrick Roohan, 38, Petersham
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
Unregistered Motor Vehicle; License Not In Possession; Registration Not In Possession
8:39 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Pleasant Street – Transported to Hospital
4:54 p.m. Fire, Brush Chamberlain Hill Road – Fire Extinguished

Monday, Nov. 11
8:22 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Deer Run Circle – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Nathan J. Matteson, 38, Woonsocket, RI
Assault and Battery (Domestic); Destruction of Property -\$1,200, Malicious c266 §127

Tuesday, Nov. 12
2:11 p.m. Larceny Station – Officer Spoke to Party
4:02 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital
4:21 p.m. Arrest Worcester Road – Officer Advised
Arrest: Michael H. Papierski, 38, Barre
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation

Wednesday, Nov. 13
2:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Concert Mall – Citation Issued
7:50 a.m. Unattended Death South Street – Investigated
7:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Criminal Complaint
8:47 p.m. Fire, Drug Overdose Vernon Avenue – Transported to Hospital
10:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Citation Issued

Thursday, Nov. 14
4:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Clem Court – Citation Issued
9:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Friday, Nov. 15
5:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run Summer Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, Nov. 16
12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Vehicle Towed
5:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Hubbardston Road – Citation Issued

Sunday, Nov. 17
12:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Lisa M. Fielding, 38, Hubbardston
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation; Inspection/Sticker, No

Monday, Nov. 18
9:33 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Transported to Hospital
3:43 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Station Road – Transported to Hospital
6:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Summer Street – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Natalie L. Jette, 37, Barre
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With

Tuesday, Nov. 19
4:18 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Referred to Other Agency
4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued

Wednesday, Nov. 20
4:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Citation Issued

Thursday, Nov. 21
4:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Holli A. Welch, 28, Barre
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued
7:06 p.m. Illegal Dumping West Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, Nov. 22
2:38 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Wauwinet Road – Transported to Hospital
8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury Barre Depot Road – Vehicle Towed
Summons: John P. Mitko, 46, Oakham
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Leave Scene of Property Damage; Speeding Rate of Speed Greater Than Was Reasonable and Proper c90 §17

Saturday, Nov. 23
12:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Nicholas A. Dolimpio, 30, Worcester
OUI-Liquor or .08%, 2nd Offense; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
3:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Root Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Christina M. Soldi, 34, Brookfield
OUI-Drugs; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation
7:14 a.m. Fire, Medical

Emergency Hubbardston Road – Transported to Hospital
11:54 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Cedar Street – Referred to Other Agency
9:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Citation Issued

Sunday, Nov. 24
1:47 a.m. Barre Falls Check Hubbardston Road – Arrest(s) Made
12:12 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street – Transported to Hospital
8:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
9:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
Summons: Richard A. Caballero, 33, Worcester
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Child 8-12 or Over 57 Inches Without Seat Belt; Headlights, Failure to Dim

Monday, Nov. 25
3:11 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hancock Road – Transported to Hospital
7:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hardwick Road – Vehicle Towed
11:13 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Summer Street – Transported to Hospital
1:02 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Pleasant Street – Transported to Hospital
1:33 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Worcester Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 26
8:28 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Barre Road – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 27
12:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Citation Issued
12:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop West Street – Citation Issued

Thursday, Nov. 28
12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Jessica A. Prentiss, 37, Hubbardston
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Alcohol in Motor Vehicle, Possess Open Container of; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Friday, Nov. 29
7:06 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Glazier Road – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 30
12:54 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency West Street – Transported to Hospital
6:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued
8:38 p.m. Suicide Worcester Road – Referred to Other Agency

South Barre

Wednesday, Nov. 20
12:12 p.m. Fraud Church Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, Nov. 25
4:53 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
5:12 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
5:40 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
6:15 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
11:29 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Pine Street – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 27
11:23 a.m. 911 – Alarm Bridge Street – Checked/Secured
11:40 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital
12:34 p.m. 911 – Misdial Old Petersham Road – Spoken To
2:21 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Spoken To

Thursday, Nov. 28
12:54 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Arrest(s) Made
10:36 a.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Main Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
8:22 p.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Pine Street – Services Rendered

Friday, Nov. 29
7:45 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Jackson Road – Transported to Hospital
1:29 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Petersham Road – Written Warning
3:07 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued
3:10 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Ruggles Street – Transported to Hospital
4:51 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
8:23 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 30
2 p.m. 911 – Alarm Main Street –

Checked/Secured

Sunday, Dec. 1
8:39 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
1:43 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Sullivan Avenue – Transported to Hospital

Monday, Dec. 2
9:16 a.m. 911 – Disturbance Patrill Hollow Road – Taken/ Referred to Other Agency
2:56 p.m. Phone – Property Damage Prospect Street – Taken/ Referred to Other Agency
8:56 p.m. 911- Medical Emergency Sullivan Avenue – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Dec. 3
3:56 a.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Church Lane – Transported to Hospital
10:29 a.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Goddard Road – No Action Required
10:34 a.m. Phone – Vandalism Prospect Street – No Action Required
11:49 a.m. 911 – Neighbor Dispute Bridge Street – Spoken To

1:15 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Greenwich Road – Vehicle Towed
3:53 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Lower Road – Citation Issued
4:09 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued
4:22 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Wednesday, Dec. 4
2:58 a.m. Initiated – Parking Complaint Prospect Street – Written Warning
5:05 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Pine Street – Transported to Hospital

Friday, Dec. 6
12:39 p.m. Initiated – Serve

Warrant Greenwich Road – Arrest(s) Made

Saturday, Dec. 7
4:49 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Arrest(s) Made

Sunday, Dec. 8
4 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Greenwich Road – Services Rendered

Monday, Dec. 9
8:01 a.m. 911 – Elevator Call/ Alarms Old Petersham Road – Spoken To
11:29 a.m. Phone – Larceny/ Theft/Shoplifting Main Street – Report Taken

Tuesday, Dec. 10
8:26 a.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Greenwich Road – Spoken To
6:08 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Pond Road – Services Rendered

Wednesday, Dec. 11
1:10 p.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Hall Road – Officer Handled
3:21 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity North Road – Investigated
3:42 p.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Hall Road – Spoken To

Thursday, Dec. 12
11:20 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Petersham Road – Written Warning

Friday, Dec. 13
5:49 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
9:38 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Petersham Road – Citation Issued
10:29 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Petersham Road – Written Warning
3:14 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital
10:56 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Transported to Hospital

Hubbardston Police Log

Thursday, Nov. 7
6:43 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Lombard Road – Transported to Hospital
11:29 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mayo Road – Transported to Hospital
6:06 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Madison Way – Transported to Hospital
10:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop High Street – Report Filed

Saturday, Nov. 9
9:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Templeton Road – Vehicle Towed
11:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Written Warning
4:30 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Cross Road – Transported to Hospital
8:40 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Kruse Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 12
9:15 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued

Wednesday, Nov. 13
8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
5:26 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, Nov. 14
5:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response New Westminster Road – Services Rendered
7:53 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Ragged Hill Road – Transported to Hospital
1:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response Main Street – Report Filed

Friday, Nov. 15
1:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued
3 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Westminster Road – Transported

to Hospital
8:52 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Lombard Road – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, Nov. 16
8:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

Monday, Nov. 18
1:54 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Amber Lane – Transported to Hospital
8:03 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
11:30 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Madison Way – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 19
3:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint
6:45 p.m. Larceny Barre Road – Criminal Complaint

Wednesday, Nov. 20
8:29 p.m. Drugs/ Narcotics Violation(s) South Cove Road – Criminal Complaint

Thursday, Nov. 21
3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Burnshirt Road – Written Warning

Friday, Nov. 22
4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Vehicle Towed
8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 23
11:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
Summons: Priscilla J. Lasky, 38, Worcester
License Restriction, Operate Motor Vehicle in Violation; Registration Not In Possession; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit

Sunday, Nov. 24
3:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident

No Fire/EMS Response New Templeton – Officer Spoke to Party
7:45 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Williamsville Road – Transported to Hospital
7:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury New Westminster Road – Vehicle Towed

Monday, Nov. 25
8:09 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Rte. 68 – Information Taken
9:15 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Princeton Road – Transported to Hospital
4:06 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency New Westminster Road – Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, Nov. 26
3:36 p.m. Fraud Geordie Lane – Report Filed
10:04 p.m. Unoccupied Vehicle Malone Road – Vehicle Towed

Wednesday, Nov. 27
6:52 a.m. Fire, Auto/Car Rte. 68 – Investigated
3:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response New Templeton Road – Report Filed

Thursday, Nov. 28
1:40 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Geordie Lane – Transported to Hospital

Friday, Nov. 29
2:43 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mayo Road – No Fire Service Necessary
2:51 p.m. Follow-up Investigation Morgan Road – Report Filed

Saturday, Nov. 30
1:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident No Fire/EMS Response Barre Road – Vehicle Towed
10:02 a.m. Assist Other Police Department Westminster Road – Arrest(s) Made

Oakham Police Log

Thursday, Nov. 7
5:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Vehicle Towed

Saturday, Nov. 9
9:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning
12:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Rutland Road – Citation Issued
5:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning
5:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Written Warning

Sunday, Nov. 10
6:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

Monday, Nov. 11
10:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Kaitlin M. Andry, 23, Shrewsbury
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Warrant

Tuesday, Nov. 12
11:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury Old Turnpike Road – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, Nov. 14
11:46 a.m. Larceny North Brookfield Road – Report Filed
8:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident

Personal Injury North Brookfield Road – Report Filed
Summons: Glenn A. Saari, 62, Belchertown
Leave Scene of Property Damage; Marked Lanes Violation; Abandon Motor Vehicle

Friday, Nov. 15
4:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 16
1:12 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Old Schoolhouse Road – Referred to Other Agency
4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Robinson Road – Vehicle Towed
Summons: Jill C. Long, 39, Worcester
Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoke, Operate Motor Vehicle With
8:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Christopher J. Babji, 34, Barre
Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With

Monday, Nov. 18
12:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Written Warning

Petersham Police Log

Friday, Nov. 1
6:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident New Salem Road – Services Rendered

Saturday, Nov. 2
4:41 p.m. Animal Call Spring Street – Services Rendered
8:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning

Sunday, Nov. 3
11:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued
11:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Popple Camp Road – Citation Issued

Monday, Nov. 4
6:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident New Athol Road – Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, Nov. 5
5 p.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Old East Street – Report Taken
8:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning

Wednesday, Nov. 6
4:50 p.m. Medical Emergency North Main Street – Transported to Hospital
6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Street – Written Warning

Thursday, Nov. 7
5:49 a.m. Medical Emergency North Main Street – Transported to Hospital
12:55 p.m. 911/Hang-up Call Rte. 32A – Negative Contact

Friday, Nov. 8
2:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

North Main Street – Citation Issued

Saturday, Nov. 9
3:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Citation Issued

Sunday, Nov. 10
8:27 a.m. Scam West Street – Services Rendered
10:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued
3:09 p.m. 911 – Misdial Old Hardwick Road – Spoken To

Monday, Nov. 11
10:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Written Warning
7:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning

Thursday, Nov. 14
1:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East Street – Written Warning
5:41 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident West Street – Arrest(s) Made
6:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity Hardwick Road – Transferred Call to C1
Friday, Nov. 15
9:32 a.m. 911 – Misdial North Main Street – Spoken To

Saturday, Nov. 16
8:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Written Warning
9:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Spring Street – Written Warning
10:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning
12:04 p.m. Burglary (Breaking and Entering) Barre Road – Report Taken

8:53 p.m. Assist Other Agency Oakham Road – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Nov. 20
7 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued

Thursday, Nov. 21
6:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued
7:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning

Friday, Nov. 22
2:03 p.m. Fraud Birch Drive – Spoken To
4:52 p.m. 911/Hang-up Call East Street – Spoken To

Saturday, Nov. 23
4:17 p.m. Medical Emergency New Salem Road – Services Rendered

Monday, Nov. 25
5:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued
5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued
9:24 p.m. Medical Emergency Carter Pond Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Nov. 26
5:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop New Salem Road – Written Warning

Wednesday, Nov. 27
10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning
1:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning
5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued

AAA predicts highest number of travelers this holiday

More Americans than ever on record, 115.6 million, will travel this holiday season, from Sunday, Dec. 21 through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. That is the most in nearly 20 years since AAA began tracking in 2000, and represents an increase of 3.9% over last year, or 4.3 million more people packing up their sleighs for a holiday getaway. More than 104 million of those holiday travelers will drive to their destinations and, INRIX, a global transportation analytics company, expects delays to be the worst on Thursday, Dec. 26, with afternoon delays reaching nearly double congestion-free drive times in major U.S. cities.

Massachusetts will also see the highest numbers in almost 20 years, with over 2.5 million residents planning to travel, 2.2 million of them by car.

“Holiday cheer is at an all-time high this year, with unemployment at historically low levels, and noted improvements in both disposable income and household net worth,” said Mary Maguire, direc-

tor, public and legislative affairs, AAA Northeast. “Travelers should be getting used to crowded highways and airports, as this marks the eighth straight year of new record-high travel volumes for the year-end holidays.”

More Americans than ever on record will drive this holiday season

Automobiles: 104.8 million Americans, the most on record, will drive to their holiday destinations. That means 3.9 million more people are expected on the roads compared with last year, for an increase of 3.9 percent.

Planes: With 4.9 percent growth, air travel will see the biggest increase in travel volume during the year-end holidays, with 6.97 million Americans expected to fly, the most since 2003.

Trains, buses and cruise ships: Travel by these other modes will reach 3.81 million, 3 percent more than last year.

For the 104.8 million Americans traveling by automobile, INRIX, in collaboration

with AAA, predicts only marginal delays throughout the holiday week. Nationally, drivers could experience double the travel times on Thursday and Friday afternoon, although New York City and Washington, D.C. could see triple the delays.

“With kids out of school and many Americans taking extended time off for the holidays, drivers will experience only incremental delays throughout the week. Although congestion will be lighter than normal, knowing when and where major delays will likely happen will help save time and reduce stress this holiday season,” says Trevor Reed, a transportation analyst at INRIX.

Worst day to travel in Boston will be Friday, Dec. 27 from 4-6 p.m. with a delay multiplier of 1x.

The holidays can be a stressful time; AAA encourages drivers to maintain a cool head, and focus on reaching their destination safely. AAA offers these tips to help prevent road rage:

Do not offend: Never cause

another driver to change their speed or direction. That means not forcing another driver to use their brakes, or turn the steering wheel in response to something you have done.

Be tolerant and forgiving: The other driver may just be having a really bad day. Assume that it is not personal.

Do not respond: Avoid eye contact, don’t make gestures, maintain space around your vehicle and contact 9-1-1 if needed.

More than 853,000 motorists will call AAA for assistance at the roadside this holiday season. Dead batteries, flat tires and lock-outs will be the leading reasons AAA members will experience car trouble. AAA recommends motorists take their vehicles to a trusted repair facility to perform any needed maintenance before heading out on a road trip. And remember to slow down and move over for stopped emergency vehicles at the roadside. It’s the law in all 50 states.

A recent analysis of AAA’s

flight booking data revealed that most travelers depart two to four days prior to the Christmas holiday, Dec. 21-23 with the Dec. 22 being the single busiest air travel day of the holiday week. These travelers, on average, pay ticket prices between \$593 and \$639. Christmas Eve is the best day to travel, with the lowest average price per ticket (\$527) and the fewest crowds of the holiday week. Many travelers opt to fly after the Christmas holiday leading up to New Year’s, and they pay a premium to do so. Dec. 26 has the highest average ticket price of the week at \$692.

Theme parks, warm-weather destinations and NYC top holiday getaways. Theme parks in Orlando and southern California, other warm-weather locales and the iconic holiday destination New York City top the list of 10 most popular destinations in the U.S. for the year-end holidays, based on advance AAA Travel bookings: Orlando, Florida; Anaheim, California; Honolulu, Hawaii;

Kahului, Maui, Hawaii; Las Vegas, Nevada; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; New York, New York; Miami, Florida; Tampa, Florida and Phoenix, Arizona.

Many travelers are also seeking warm weather and sandy beaches in Mexico and the Caribbean this holiday season. Cancun, Mexico; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; Montego Bay, Jamaica; Los Cabos, Mexico and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, are AAA’s top five international destinations for the year-end holidays.

AAA’s travel experts remind travelers that it’s not too late to begin planning a holiday getaway. People may visit AAA.com/Travel for travel planning resources to book their trip today.

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Public Notices

Commonwealth of
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Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and
Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No.
WO19P3721GD
In the interests of
Kamden Michael
Shuford
of Barre, MA
Minor

NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL

INTERESTED PARTIES
1. **Hearing Date/**

Time: A hearing on a
Petition for Appointment
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filed on 11/14/2019 by
Stephen M Shuford
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08:30AM Motion Located
Worcester Probate &
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Street, Worcester, MA
01608

2. **Response to Petition:**
You may respond by filing
a written response to the
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in person at the hearing. If
you choose to file a written
response, you need to:

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the Court; and Mail a copy
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5. **Presence of the Min-
or at Hearing:** A minor over
age 14 has the right to be
present at any hearing, un-
less the Court finds that it is
not in the minor’s best inter-
ests.

Date: November 14, 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
12/19/2019

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Stephanie K. Fattman
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12/19/2019

MORTGAGEE’S
NOTICE OF SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of
Sale contained in a certain
Mortgage given by Timothy
J. Hester to Mortgage
Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as nominee
for Mackinac Savings Bank,
FSB, a federal savings bank,
its successors and assigns,
dated May 12, 2015 and
recorded with the Worcester
County (Worcester District)
Registry of Deeds at Book
53705, Page 98 as affect-
ed by a Loan Modification
recorded on July 26, 2017
in Said Registry of Deeds
at Book 57475, Page 170,
subsequently assigned to
U.S. Bank National
Association by Mortgage
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for Mackinac Savings Bank,
FSB, a Federal Savings
Bank, its successors and
assigns by assignment
recorded in said Worcester
County (Worcester District)

Registry of Deeds at Book
54262, Page 82 for breach
of the conditions of said
Mortgage and for the pur-
pose of foreclosing same
will be sold at Public
Auction at 10:00 AM on
January 9, 2020 at 835
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MA, all and singular the
premises described in said
Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of
land situated on the south-
erly side of Wauwinet
Road, Barre, being shown
as Lot 1 on a plan entitled
"Plan of Land in Barre,
Massachusetts prepared for
Farrow Hill Development,
Inc.," dated November 18,
1991, and recorded with the
Worcester District Registry
of Deeds in Plan Book
655, Plan 53, and further
described as follows:

Beginning at a point
being the northwesterly cor-
ner of Lot E-1 on Plan Book
643, Plan 12, and being the
northwesterly corner of Lot
1;

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E. 20.84 feet by Wauwinet
Road to a point;

Thence S. 60°43' 54" E.
109.19 feet by the road to
a point;

Thence S. 28° 30' 12'
W. 314.46 feet by Lot 2 to
a point;

Thence N. 62° 30' 38"
W. 131.46 feet by land now
or formerly of Philip Moss
to a point;

Thence, N. 28° 48' 43",
E. 314.83 feet by Lot E-1 to
the point of beginning.

For title see BK 53705
Pg 96

The premises are to be
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satisfactory to Mortgagee’s
attorney. The Mortgagee
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or the Mortgagee’s attor-
ney. The description of the

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the event of an error in this
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12/19, 12/26/2019, 01/02/2020

PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

The Board of
Selectmen for the Town of
Oakham will hold a Public
Hearing on **Monday,
December 30, 2019 at
7:00pm** in the Selectmen’s
meeting room at the Town
Hall, 2 Coldbrook Road,
Oakham, MA to discuss
an application from for a
Class II Auto License to
be exercised on the
premises located at **479
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12/19/2019

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under MGL Ch 255 Sec 39A

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Worcester Probate and
Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No.WO19P3976EA

Estate of:
Barbara Shuttleworth
Also known as:
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Barbara E Kraus
Date of Death: 11/12/2019
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal
Probate of Will with
Appointment of Personal
Representative** has been
filed by **Christina
Shuttleworth Kraus** of
New Haven CT requesting
that the Court enter a formal
Decree and Order and for
such other relief as requested
in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests
that: **Christina
Shuttleworth Kraus** of
New Haven CTbe appointed
as Personal Representa-
tive(s) of said estate to serve
Without Surety on the bond
in an **unsupervised** admin-

istration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Court. You have a right to
object to this proceeding. To
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ance and objection at this
Court before: 10:00 a.m. on
the return day of **12/31/2019.**

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notice regarding the admin-
istration directly from the
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may petition the Court in
any matter relating to the
estate, including the distribu-
tion of assets and expenses
of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah
A Keamy**, First Justice of
this Court.

Date: December 05, 2019
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
12/19/2019

ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

The Barre Zoning Board
of Appeals will hold a pub-
lic hearing on **Thursday,
January 9, 2020 at 7:00
p.m.** in the Henry Woods
Municipal Selectmen
Meeting Room, 1st Floor,
40 West Street, Barre,
MA requested by Michael
Collins for a variance per
Zoning 140-15, lots or par-
cels not meeting require-
ments at property located at
55 Eagle Drive, Assessors
Map D, Parcel 151 and
recorded with the Worcester
District Registry of Deeds
Book 782, Page 49.

Anyone wishing to com-
ment on this matter should
attend the hearing or submit
comments in writing prior
to the hearing to the Zoning
Board of Appeals, Henry
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barreboards@townofbare.
com or contact the Boards’
Office at 978-355-5000 ext.
7.
12/19, 12/26/2019



NFPA says December leading month for home fires

Glittering decorations, holiday meals and treats, enjoying the warmth of home on a wintry day – these are hallmarks of the holiday season. However, these traditions and festivities also present an increased risk of fire, making December a leading month for U.S. home fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Christmas Day and Christmas Eve are two of the top three days for home cooking fires and the top two days for home candle fires.

Fortunately, there are several steps people can take to significantly reduce the risk of fire during the holiday season.

“While the threat of fire does increase during the holiday season, there’s no need to let that put a damper on your holiday plans,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “Once you know where potential hazards exist, taking some simple steps to minimize them can help ensure a festive, fire-safe season.”

Following are NFPA statistics that underscore the increased risk of fire during the holidays:

Decorations
Home fires that began when decorations caught fire caused an average of three civilian deaths, 34 civilian fire injuries and \$12 million in direct property damage per year from 2013 to 2017. In 44 percent of these fires, the decoration was too close to a heat source. Ensure that decorations are kept at least 3 feet away from heat sources, especially candles. Fifty-seven percent of December home decoration fires were started by candles, compared to 32 percent in January through November. In addition, December is the peak month for candle fires. Sixty percent of home candle fires started because a flammable item was too close to the candle. In 13 percent of the fires, the candle was left unattended or abandoned.

Christmas trees
Christmas tree fires are not as common as fires started by other decorations, but when they do occur, they are much more likely to be serious. An annual average of 160 home fires began with Christmas trees. On average, one of every 52 reported home

Christmas tree fires resulted in a death, compared to an average of one death per 135 total reported home fires. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in more than two of every five (44 percent) home Christmas tree fires, with decorative lights the leading type of equipment involved.

Cooking
Cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires year-round; unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires, accounting for 31 percent of home cooking fires. Christmas Day is the second-leading day for home cooking fires, with 69 percent more fires than the average daily number. Christmas Eve is not far behind, with 58 percent more fires than the daily average.

Heating
Heating equipment is the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half of all home heating fires occurring in December, January and February. The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (27 percent) was failure to clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys. Most home heating fire deaths (86 percent) involved stationary or portable space heaters. In the majority of these deaths, something that could catch fire was too close to the heater.

With these statistics in mind, NFPA offers a wealth of holiday fire safety tips and information for safely enjoying the holiday season at www.nfpa.org/holiday.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

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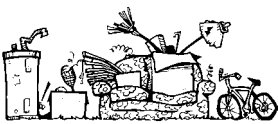
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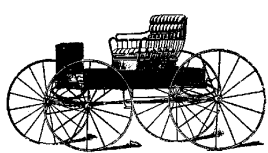
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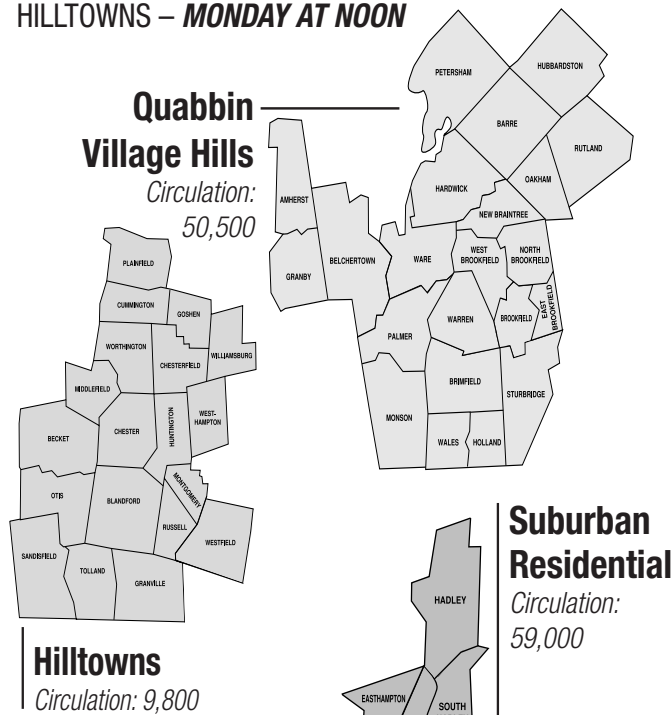
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Second Chance helps pets in many different ways, all aimed at keeping pets in their homes and out of the shelter. Three full-service veterinary hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester provide access to veterinary care for all. Subsidized pricing is available for qualified households, giving low-

and fixed-income pet owners an affordable option to care for their pets. The hospitals also offer weekly walk-in vaccine clinics, low-cost spay/neuter clinics, community vaccine and micro-chip clinics and veterinary program for the elderly and home-bound.

Second Chance also has an adoption center, two satellite adoption facilities and Project Good Dog in local correctional facilities working to help find homes for homeless pets. The organization operates a pet food pantry that distributes pet food to area food pantries and a well-established educational outreach program aimed at educating

tomorrow’s pet owners.

Second Chance CEO and founder Sheryl Blancato attributes part of this year’s increase to the expanded services at Springfield Community Veterinary Hospital. “There’s a great need for access to veterinary care in the Springfield area.” The hospital hosted two critical vaccine clinics after a parvo outbreak earlier this year.

The North Brookfield Community Veterinary Hospital also contributed to the increase, aiding more patients in need of emergency surgery and critical care. “We are able to help more pets than ever in need of medical care. We are grateful to be able to

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As Second Chance prepares for a new year of helping pets in need, they are asking for the public’s help. Anyone interested in making a donation can donate online at www.secondchanceanimals.org, through the organization’s Facebook page or by mail to Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

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